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8 hurt, 2 in custody after school shooting outside Denver

Fire and police gather at the recreation center where students were reunited with their parents after a shooting at a suburban Denver middle school Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

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HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. (AP) — Two students opened fire Tuesday inside a charter school in an affluent suburban Denver community not far from

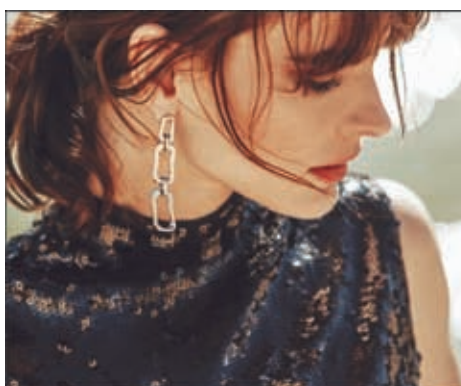
Columbine High School, wounding eight teenagers and spreading minutes of terror before they were taken into custody with no injuries, authorities said.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said the pair walked into the STEM School Highlands Ranch and began shooting students in two classrooms.

Within minutes, deputies at a nearby sheriff's department substation entered the school and arrested the two suspects after a struggle.

"As officers were arriving at the school, they could still hear gunshots," Douglas County Undersheriff Holly Nicholson-Kluth said.

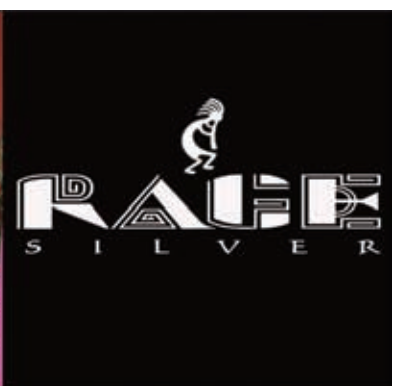
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A man carries a child out of a recreation center set up for students to get reunited with their parents after a shooting at a suburban Denver middle school Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

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SCHOOL SHOOTING

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"I have to believe that the quick response of the officers that got inside that school helped save lives," Spurlock said. He did not identify the suspects, but said they are an adult and a minor who were not previously known to authorities. Authorities planned to search their homes and a vehicle at the school, he said.

The shooting comes nearly three weeks after neighboring Littleton marked the grim 20th anniversary of the Columbine school massacre that killed 13 people. The two schools are separated by about 7 miles (11 kilometers) in adjacent communities south of Denver.

"Tragically, this community and those surrounding it know all too well these hateful and horrible acts of violence," White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement. President Donald Trump had been briefed on the shooting and was in touch with state and local officials, Deere said.

The STEM School Highlands Ranch is a public charter school with more than 1,850 students in kindergarten through 12th grades. Student Christian Paulson told television station

KMGH that he was in study hall when he saw kids running and shouting, "School shooter!"

"And I'm like, what? Is this real or fake? And then I just went after them," Christian Paulson said. "And apparently, this is all real. And I tried to run with my life, but I'm out of breath."

Rocco DeChalk, who lives near the school, told television station KUSA that he saw so many students running past his house that at first he thought it was a gym class. He went outside and saw a teenage boy who had been shot in the back being helped by a teacher and another student.

They brought the boy into his kitchen and alerted a police officer, who sent for an ambulance.

"He made a comment, 'Oh, I'm starting to feel it now,'" DeChalk said. "I told him that was probably the adrenaline kicking in and he was going into shock."

Three area hospitals reported treating eight people in connection with the attack. Two were listed in serious condition, two were listed as stable, one was in good condition and three were released.

Lines of firetrucks, ambulances and law enforcement vehicles from multiple agencies were at the school, and medical heli-

copters landed on a grassy field.

The sheriff's office directed parents to a nearby recreational center to pick up their children. A fleet of school buses arrived and dropped off students, some of whom were crying and holding hands with their classmates as they were helped off. An ambulance also pulled up and let out a half-dozen children, none of whom appeared to be physically injured.

"We know this is a very worrisome situation for parents," Nicholson-Kluth said. "Relatives are worried, and we are trying to get them back together as soon as possible."

Gov. Jared Polis said in a statement that he was making state public-safety resources available to help secure the site and evacuate students.

"The heart of all Colorado is with the victims and their families," he said.

Democratic Rep. Jason Crow, a gun-control supporter whose congressional district includes STEM, said the gun violence cannot continue.

"It is not enough to send thoughts and prayers. It is empty. It is weak, and it does an injustice to our children who are on the front lines of this violence," he said. □

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U.S. to send hospital ship to help with Venezuelan refugees

By BEN FOX

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Navy hospital ship will embark on another humanitarian mission to help countries cope with an influx of Venezuelans fleeing a deep economic and

can be deployed from its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia, a staff of doctors, nurses and other medical staff have to be assembled. The Comfort's tour last fall provided medical assistance in Colombia and

sembly, is the legitimate president under the Venezuelan Constitution. In his speech, Pence also said the U.S. would extend sanctions to all 25 members of the Venezuelan Supreme Court if they contin-

ue to be a "political tool" of President Nicolas Maduro. The U.S. already has sanctions on about 150 officials and businesses in the country. The vice president also said the U.S. would immediately

lift sanctions on Gen. Manuel Figuera, the head of the feared SEBIN intelligence agency, who broke ranks with the Maduro government during a failed uprising last week and has since disappeared. □



Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the 49th Washington Conference on the Americas, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the U.S. State Department in Washington.

Associated Press

political crisis, the Trump administration announced Tuesday. The USNS Comfort will leave in June on a 5-month mission to South America, Central America and the Caribbean to help countries "overwhelmed" by the more than 3 million Venezuelan refugees who have fled in recent years, Vice President Mike Pence said. "The rising desperation in Venezuela has fueled a mass exodus, the likes of which we have never seen in the Western Hemisphere," Pence said in a speech on the Venezuelan crisis to at the Council of the Americas annual conference. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said that before the USNS Comfort

several other countries where most of the Venezuelan refugees have settled to escape the crisis. Pence and other Trump administration officials have warned that another 2 million people are expected to flee by the end of the year if the crisis continues in the once-prosperous nation. The Trump administration has employed increasing diplomatic and economic measures on the government of President Nicolas Maduro in hopes of persuading him to step down. The U.S. and more than 50 other countries say Maduro's re-election last year as fraudulent and that Juan Guaidó, the opposition head of the National As-

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First lady Melania Trump speaks during a program for her "Be Best" initiative in the Rose Garden of the White House, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Washington.

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Melania Trump unveils steps to make 'Be Best' even best-er

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after launching her first major initiative, Melania Trump unveiled plans Tuesday to make her "Be Best" children's program even best-er.

New steps in the first lady's second-year push include broadening the program's focus on drug abuse and social media use, along

with her second international trip to promote its goals. She withheld the destination, however, saying the "details are still coming together."

Mrs. Trump launched "Be Best" a year ago to focus on child well-being, social media use and drug abuse. She said she has spent the time since listening to and learning from parents, medical professionals, teachers, leaders in the fields of technology and social media and many others, and declared that she is ready for more of that give and take. In a short video that played on monitors in the Rose Garden before she emerged from the Oval Office to kick things off, the first lady said many children have written her to express concerns about drug abuse and online safety.

"I'm ready for all of the work that is still to be done," she said in the video.

She also invoked her twin roles as first lady and mother of a 13-year-old. She did not mention her son, Barron, on Tuesday, but has said in the past that she has conversations with him about the harm caused by drug abuse and addiction. Mrs. Trump celebrated "Be Best's" anniversary in the sun-splashed Rose Garden, the same place where she launched the initiative in May 2018. President Donald Trump watched from a front-row seat and left the spotlight to his wife. He did not speak. Guests included Cabinet secretaries who support the initiative, White House officials, representatives of social media companies and others.

Mrs. Trump said she has broadened the program's focus on drug abuse to in-

clude children of all ages, instead of just babies born dependent on opioids and other addictive substances, and their mothers. The social media aspect will be expanded to add online safety to the emphasis on bullying and good citizenship online.

In the past year, the first lady promoted "Be Best" in 15 states and nine countries, including during a weeklong Africa tour last fall. She has visited hospitals and schools, participated in children's events, participated in 18 roundtables and policy briefings and met with more than 30 foreign officials, she said.

She said the U.S. Agency for International Development, which partnered with her on last October's stops in Ghana, Malawi, Kenya and Egypt, appointed a "Be Best" ambassador in March, and she called on federal government agencies that collaborate with her to follow suit.

"My hope is that together we can be the best at helping children and families find effective ways to educate themselves and become part of the solution to so many problems and issues," the first lady said. Stephen Balkam, founder and chief executive officer of the Family Online Safety Institute, applauded the first lady's shift to focus on online safety, calling it a "smart move" that could draw attention to a larger set of issues, ranging from the amount of time children spend in front of screens to "sexting."

"I am encouraged," said Balkam, whose international nonprofit group tries to help children and families avoid dangers online. □

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Cash is still king: San Francisco bans credit-only stores

By JANIE HAR

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco officials voted Tuesday to require brick-and-mortar retailers to take cash as payment, joining Philadelphia and New Jersey in banning a growing paperless practice that critics say discriminates against low-income people who may not have access to credit cards.

The vote by the Board of Supervisors was unanimous. Supervisor Vallie Brown, who introduced the legislation, said it "will go far in ensuring all San Franciscans have equitable access to the city's economy."

Brown said she thought it unfair that someone couldn't buy a sandwich just because they had cash. She said young people, victims of ID theft, immigrants and homeless people are among those who don't have bank accounts or credit cards.

In many ways, the legislation was an easy call for San Francisco officials, who strive to make life more equitable in a city with an enormous wealth gap. High-paid tech workers who flocked to San Francisco to work for Facebook, Google, Uber and Airbnb may like the ease of paying by credit card, debit card or smartphone.

But many low-income people, including more than 4,000 who sleep on San Francisco's streets every night, likely don't have money to sustain bank ac-

counts.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 17 percent of African American households and 15 percent of Latino households had no bank account.

Some people also prefer to use cash because they don't want to leave a digital trail of where they have been and what they have bought.

San Francisco's legislation requires brick-and-mortar businesses to accept cash for goods and some services. Temporary pop-up stores and internet-only businesses such as ride-hailing companies would be exempt, as would food trucks, which say they lack the resources to handle cash.

Philadelphia and New Jersey passed similar laws this year. Legislation requiring merchants to accept cash also has been introduced in New York City.

The efforts come after the rollout last year of cashless Amazon Go stores, which require customers to scan an app to enter. Whatever items customers take are automatically tallied in a virtual cart and charged to a credit card.

The retail giant bowed to pressure last month and agreed to accept cash at more than 30 cashless stores.

Amazon opened its first cash-accepting store Tuesday in a high-end New York City shopping mall frequented by office workers.

Anyone who wants to pay with cash will be swiped through the turnstile entrance by employees. After shoppers grab what they want, an employee will scan the items with a mobile device, take the cash and give customers their change.

Amazon didn't say when its 11 other Go stores will start accepting cash.

Plenty of cheap dim sum spots, taquerias and dive bars take only cash in San Francisco, but some retailers argue that not taking cash is safer and more efficient.

Cashless restaurants are clustered in San Francisco's Financial District and South of Market neighborhoods, where white-collar employees devour upscale salads and protein bowls.

Those now refusing paper money include Bluestone Lane, a New York-based coffee chain, and The Organic Coup, which sells organic fast-food chicken. At Freshroll Vietnamese Rolls & Bowls, which has several lunch spots downtown, signs remind customers of its no-cash policy.



A customer carries his shopping bag as she walks out of a newly-opened Amazon Go store, Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in New York. Associated Press

Andy Stone, vice president of brand marketing at Bluestone Lane, said the company "will always comply with the laws of jurisdictions where we operate." The other companies did not respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Some businesses appear to be getting on board as the backlash grows.

Salad chain Sweetgreen announced last month that it will accept cash at all its restaurants by year's end, saying going cashless "had the unintended conse-

quence of excluding those who prefer to pay or can only pay with cash."

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce did not take a position on the proposal. □

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In this Jan. 2019 file photo, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem gives her first State of the State address in Pierre, S.D.

Associated Press

South Dakota governor, Oglala Sioux in protests standoff

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Oglala Sioux and South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem are each waiting for the other side to make a move to resolve a disagreement over anti-protest legislation that led to the tribe banning the governor from one of the largest reservations in

the country. The legislation aims to prevent costly and disruptive protests against the proposed Keystone XL pipeline similar to those that plagued construction of the Dakota Access pipeline in North Dakota. The Tribal Council on May 1 voted 17-0 to tell Noem she's no longer welcome on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and President Julian Bear Runner informed her by letter the following day "that you are not welcome to visit our homelands."

"I'm going to respect tribal sovereignty. I'm not going to go where I'm not welcomed," Noem told reporters Tuesday.

Noem said she wants to resolve the situation quickly and that she's having "ongoing discussions" with council members who reached out to her. But she hadn't yet spoken with Bear Runner, who she said would be welcome to visit her any time.

"I'm hoping that the president will change his mind and be willing to work with me to help face some of the challenges that the tribe has — dealing with economic development, the meth epidemic, some of the resources that they've asked me for," she said.

Bear Runner's spokesman Chase Iron Eyes said the president would be willing to meet with Noem, though "who will make the first move, that remains to be seen."

The two bills that Noem and GOP leaders pushed through toward the end of the legislative session in March allow officials to pursue money from demonstrators who engage in "riot boosting" or encouraging violence during a protest.

Activists and American Indian tribes have been planning on-the-ground protests against the Keystone XL pipeline if it's built, similar to Dakota Access pipeline demonstrations in North Dakota in 2016 and 2017 that resulted in 761 arrests over six months and

cost the state \$38 million to police. "I gave my team the direction to build a plan that would protect our counties and local governments from expenses that come with pipeline construction and to protect our people from the costs and dangers that accompany violent riots," Noem said of the legislation.

The American Civil Liberties Union and tribes contend the anti-riot law stifles free speech, and the ACLU is suing Noem, Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg and a county sheriff in federal court on behalf of activists. The Oglala Sioux is not a plaintiff but it opposes the pipeline that TC Energy wants to build to move Canadian crude through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with lines to Gulf Coast refineries. The \$8 billion project has the backing of President Donald Trump but is being fought by opponents in the courts.

Iron Eyes said Oglala Sioux members believe the pipeline threatens the environment.

"They want a better way," he said. "They don't want a government that isn't thinking intelligently about impending ecological and existential crises."

Noem said she has talked to people on the reservation who want to continue working with the state.

"What I hear from community members and other local leaders is very different than the agenda that the president has put out there," she said.

Iron Eyes disputed that.

"We are obviously taking issue with the idea that the elected leadership of the Oglala people don't reflect the will of the Oglala people," he said.

Bear Runner's letter told Noem that if she ignores the tribal edict "we will have no choice but to banish you" from the reservation, which is roughly the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. □



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Recent airline crashes run against trend toward safer flying

By DAVID KOENIG and TOM KRISHER

Associated Press

With plane crashes making headlines over the week-end, one in Florida with no fatalities and another in Russia that killed dozens, travelers might question whether flying has become less safe.

Aviation experts regard the recent incidents as a statistical blip, however, pointing out that such accidents and fatalities are a fraction of what they were as recently as the 1990s.

Advances in aircraft and airport design, better air traffic control, and improved pilot training are often cited as factors in reducing accidents.

"I don't think we'll ever get to zero accidents, but aviation is still the safest it's ever been," said Seth Young, director of the aviation program at Ohio State University.

In the U.S., no airline passengers were killed in accidents from 2009 until April 2018, when a woman on a Southwest Airlines jet died after an engine broke apart in flight.

Worldwide, there were more than 50 fatal airline accidents a year through the early and mid-1990s, claiming well over 1,000 lives annually, according to figures compiled by the Flight Safety Foundation. Fatalities dropped from 1,844 in 1996 to just 59 in 2017, then rose to 561 last year and 209 already this year.

Nearly half of the airline deaths in 2018 and 2019 occurred during the crashes of two Boeing 737 Max jets in Indonesia and Ethiopia.



This March 27, 2019, file photo shows a Boeing 737 MAX 8 airplane on the assembly line during a brief media tour of Boeing's 737 assembly facility in Renton, Wash.

Associated Press

In each case, investigators are examining the role of flight software that pushed the nose of the plane down based on faulty sensor readings.

That raises concern about safety around automated flight controls, said William Waldo, an expert at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"Pilots are not being trained as much as pilots as they are system operators and system managers," he said. "So when something happens and the automation fails, they get flummoxed."

Beyond the two Max crashes, safety experts see little immediate connection between other incidents such as the deadly weekend crash of a Russian plane that caught fire after an emergency landing in Mos-

cow and the case of the charter airliner that ran off a Florida runway into a river; no one died in that one. Investigators probe crashes in search of clues to prevent more accidents from the same cause. In the case of the Aeroflot jet that caught fire, killing more than 40 people on board, attention is likely to turn to Russian media reports that lightning disabled the plane's communications system and whether pilots should have burned off fuel before the emergency landing.

Lightning strikes are not uncommon. In the U.S. alone, there are about 25 million every year, according to the National Weather Service. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said airline planes get hit

about once a year on average.

Planes are built so that the fuselage acts as an electricity-conducting shield, keeping the voltage away from passengers and critical systems. The jolt is often dissipated off wings or the tail. Critical electronics have surge protection. Nitrogen is used to reduce the risk that electrical arcing could spark a fire in a fuel tank.

Newer planes like the Boeing 787, which uses carbon composite material instead of aluminum, includes fine wiring in the wings to direct current off the plane, said John Hansman, an aeronautics professor at MIT.

"They should be designed to take a lightning strike," Hansman said, "but if you don't have a perfectly

grounded airplane, if you don't have the right surge suppressors, it's possible you can take out some of the avionics or electronics."

Sunday's fiery crash in Moscow raised questions about making an emergency landing shortly after take-off, while the plane is still fully loaded with fuel and likely over the maximum landing weight.

Only very large airliners have the ability to dump fuel. Most jetliners including the popular Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 do not. That leaves only one option for lightening the fuel load on a plane like the Russian-made Sukhoi SSJ100 — circling long enough to burn fuel.

John Cox, a former airline pilot and now a safety consultant, said he would only circle if he were concerned that something was wrong with the plane's landing gear, or the runway was too short.

Video of the landing showed the Aeroflot plane seem to touch down on its main landing gear, then bounce up before coming down hard a second time. At that point, flames can be seen coming from the jet.

Video also captured passengers toting their carry-on luggage as they fled the burning jet. Passengers on U.S. airlines are told to leave personal belongs in an emergency because it can slow the evacuation when seconds are precious. "We will never know if more lives could have been saved if the bags were left behind," said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants. □

UK concedes it must hold EU election amid Brexit delay

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The British government on Tuesday acknowledged for the first time that the country will definitely take part in the European Parliament elections this month because there's no chance that a Brexit deal can be approved in time to avoid them.

Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative government had been desperate to avoid U.K. participation in polls for U.K. seats in the 751-seat European Union legislature. The vote in Britain on May 23 is being held almost three years after U.K. voters chose to leave the EU.

But lawmakers have repeatedly rejected May's divorce deal with the bloc, and Britain's departure date has been postponed from March 29 until Oct. 31



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May speaks at the Welsh Conservative party conference at Llangollen Pavilion, Llangollen, Wales, Friday May 3, 2019.

Associated Press

while politicians scramble for a solution.

Cabinet Office Minister David Lidington, the No. 2 in May's government, said "regrettably" it was no longer possible to get Brexit finished before the elec-

tions, which are being held across the EU from May 23-26.

"We very much hoped that we would be able to get our exit sorted and have the treaty concluded so that those elections did not

have to take place," he said. "But legally they do have to take place unless our withdrawal has been given legal effect, so those will now go ahead."

Lidington said the government still hoped Britain

would leave the bloc before the new European Parliament takes up its seats in early July.

The Conservative Party fears it will be trounced in the European election as pro-Brexit and pro-EU voters both express anger at the country's political impasse. Two new parties — the anti-EU Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage and the pro-European Change UK party — are campaigning hard, hoping to make gains among disgruntled Britons. May has pinned hopes of securing Parliament's support for a Brexit deal on reaching a compromise with the opposition Labour Party. After several weeks of fruitless negotiations, senior Conservative and Labour lawmakers resumed Brexit discussions Tuesday in what appeared to be a final push to reach an agreement. □

Denmark to hold election June 5; immigration a major issue

By JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Denmark will hold a general election on June 5, the prime minister announced Tuesday, with immigration a hot-button issue for voters.

Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen, who heads the Liberals, has been in power since 2015. He later formed a coalition with the smaller Liberal-Alliance and the Conservatives. But it depends on the anti-immigration Danish People's Party and its 37 seats to muster a majority in the 179-seat parliament.

Overall, Danes have supported the government's tough stance on immigration after the 2015 migration crisis in which mostly Muslim asylum-seekers sought refuge in European countries, including Denmark.

Political experts say people who traditionally voted for the populists are drifting mainly to the Social Democrats, which have moved toward supporting a stricter immigration policy. Voters also appear to be turning away from the Danish



Denmark's Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen, right, arrives for the funeral service for the three children of the CEO of clothing brand Bestseller, Anders Holch Povlsen and wife Anne, at Aarhus Cathedral, Denmark, Saturday May 4, 2019, who were victims of the bombings in Sri Lanka on April 21.

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People's Party because of fraud scandals involving European Parliament funds. The government has notably adopted laws tightening asylum and immigration rules, including a ban on garments covering the face and a law requiring newly arrived asylum-seek-

ers to hand over valuables such as jewelry and gold to help pay for their stays in the country.

Other laws include requiring anyone who becomes a citizen of Denmark to shake hands at the naturalization ceremony, a move widely seen as aimed at some

Muslims who for religious reasons decline to touch members of the opposite sex. Another law sends rejected asylum-seekers or those with a criminal record awaiting expulsion to an island that once housed a defunct laboratory for contagious animal diseases.

Recent polls show Loekke Rasmussen's center-right government bloc trailing behind the five-party, center-left opposition headed by the Social Democrats. Surveys indicate the governing coalition will get 46% while the opposition would garner 54%.

In announcing the election, which comes just 10 days after the European Parliament vote, Loekke Rasmussen stressed that the government didn't resign. Under the Danish Constitution, a vote must be held by June 17, when the current parliament, elected in 2015, completes its term.

The election could mark the return to power of the Social Democrats, the country's largest party, which have spent four years in opposition. In recent months, the Social Democrats have moved closer to the stricter immigration agenda of the Danish People's Party — a party with a euroskeptic line founded in 1995. The populists, now Denmark's second-largest party, grabbed more than 21% in the 2015 election in its best vote ever. □



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Pro-LGBT poster with revered icon stirs Poland

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Rights groups and government critics in Poland protested Tuesday after police temporarily detained a human rights activist for putting up posters depicting the country's most revered Catholic icon with the LGBT rainbow on the halos of Mary and baby Jesus.

Prosecutors in the central city of Plock said the woman has been questioned and has heard charges of insulting religious feelings and desecration of the icon of Mother of God of Czestochowa, popularly known as the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, a painting housed at the Jasna Gora monastery in the city in southern Poland since the 14th-century.

The activist, 51-year-old Elzbieta Podlesna, last month placed posters with altered images of the icon on walls, garbage bins and mobile toilets near St. Dominik's church in Plock. She did not physically damage the icon, which was venerated by pontiffs including Pope John Paul II.



In this photo taken in Krakow, Poland, May 6, 2019, picketers with posters of Poland's most-revered icon of Mother of God of Czestochowa with the LGBT rainbow colors added to its halos.

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About 300 people with a giant rainbow flag and holding posters of the altered icon heard speeches from human rights activists as they staged a peaceful protest in downtown Warsaw.

Earlier Tuesday, European Council president Donald Tusk, who was in his native

Poland, said the Polish authorities' harsh reaction was "inconceivable." The Warsaw-based Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights found the raid on Podlesna's home and her brief detention "hard to understand."

But former Prime Minister and European Parliament

member Jerzy Buzek said things like altering the revered icon's image "should not take place because they can insult people who are deep believers."

Dariusz Rosati, a former left-wing foreign minister who is now running for the European Parliament, suggested using less controversial

campaigning that would avoid provoking some groups in society.

The case has highlighted the clash in predominantly Catholic Poland between the freedom of speech and laws banning hostility against religious beliefs. On social media, debate raged between critics of the government who said it was an abuse of power, and Catholics and backers of the conservative ruling party who argued their feelings were intentionally hurt.

Deputy Justice Minister Patryk Jaki called the posters part of a campaign to "humiliate Catholics" and said it has to be stopped.

The dispute came ahead of this month's European Parliament elections.

In recent weeks, the ruling rightwing Law and Justice party has described the LGBT rights movement as a danger to Polish families and children. It seemed to be tapping into a belief held by some Poles that liberal values have been forced on them as a result of Poland joining the EU 15 years ago. □

Pope: Commission on female deacons disagrees on ordination

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE (AP) — Pope Francis said Tuesday that an international commission of scholars has failed to reach a definitive conclusion about whether women were ordained as deacons in the early Christian church in the same way men were. Francis told reporters returning home from the Balkans that the commission found evidence that female deacons performed functions that included im-

mersion baptisms for women. But he said there was no agreement on whether these women underwent the same sacramental ordination as male deacons. "It's fundamental that there is no certainty that there was an ordination with the same formula, with the same goal, as the male ordination," Francis said.

The result will likely be a blow to proponents of ordaining female deacons today, as well as the umbrella association of religious sisters which had asked Francis

to create a commission to study the issue in 2016. Francis said nothing Tuesday about how or whether the commission results might influence any decision going forward. He said members of the commission were continuing to study the issue on their own.

Francis is due to meet Friday with the International Union of Superiors General, which had asked Francis to look into the question as a way to give women greater decision-making roles in the church. □



Pope Francis talks to reporters on his flight back to Rome, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Associated Press

Qatar to send money for West Bank, Gaza after Israel truce

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Qatar on Tuesday said it is sending \$480 million to Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip after a cease-fire deal ended the deadliest fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants since a 2014 war.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry said \$300 million would support health and education programs of the Palestinian Authority, while \$180 million would go toward "urgent humanitarian relief" in U.N. programs and toward electricity. The Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip suffers from chronic electricity shortages.

The recent two-day outbreak of violence killed 25 people in Gaza, both militants and civilians, and four civilians in Israel.

Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said Egyptian mediators, along with officials from Qatar and the U.N., helped broker the cease-



In this Jan. 15, 2017 file photo, a Palestinian family warm up outside their makeshift house during a power cut in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

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fire deal. The deal is believed to include a number of economic aid and development programs in Gaza, including providing additional electricity and creating temporary jobs

in a territory where unemployment has skyrocketed to over 50%.

Israel approved the resumption of fuel shipments into the Gaza Strip on Tuesday after cutting off the

supply during Sunday's surge of violence, according to COGAT, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs. It confirmed Israel would indefinitely ease

restrictions on the movement of people and goods through its two main crossings with the territory next week, following the country's observation of Memorial Day and Independence Day. The energy-rich, small nation of Qatar has become a major donor to the Palestinians.

The Palestinians have been divided between two rival governments since 2007, when Hamas drove forces from the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority out of Gaza. Hamas has ruled Gaza since then, with the Palestinian Authority administering autonomous zones in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

This marks the first time in recent years that Qatar has funded the Palestinian Authority directly. In recent years, its money has only gone to Gaza, where it opened a hospital just last month. The United States and the European Union classify Hamas as a terrorist group. □

Erdogan defends Istanbul vote redo, critics see power grab

By SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insisted Tuesday that rerunning the Istanbul mayoral vote won by the opposition will only strengthen democracy, while critics called the decision an "outrageous" move to eliminate dissent against his government.

Ruling in favor of Erdogan's governing party, Turkey's top electoral body on Monday annulled the results of the March 31 vote in Istanbul, which opposition candidate Ekrem Imamoglu narrowly won, and scheduled a re-run for June 23.

The loss of Istanbul — and the capital of Ankara — in Turkey's local elections were sharp blows to Erdogan and his conservative, Islamic-based Justice and Development Party, or AKP. AKP had challenged the results of the vote, claiming it was marred by irregularities. Critics accuse the AKP of clinging to power in the



Ekrem Imamoglu, the opposition, Republican People's Party's (CHP) mayoral candidate in Istanbul, gestures during a rally in Istanbul, late Monday, May 6, 2019.

Associated Press

city of 15 million people that is Turkey's cultural and commercial hub and of exerting heavy pressure on the country's electoral body to cancel the outcome.

The controversial decision

has increased concerns over democracy and the rule of law in Turkey, a NATO member that that is still formally a candidate to join the European Union and a key Western ally in the fight against terrorism

and stemming of the flow of refugees to Europe.

"The will of the people has been trampled on," said Meral Aksener, leader of a nationalist party in Turkey that had backed Imamoglu.

The move is raising questions about whether Erdogan, who has consolidated power throughout his 16 years in power and is increasingly accused of authoritarianism, would ever accept any electoral defeat or relinquish power.

The redo of the vote also threatens to further destabilize the Turkish economy, which has entered a recession.

The Turkish lira crashed spectacularly last summer over investor concerns about Erdogan's policies, shaking the economy. It has been sliding again in recent weeks and on Tuesday it hit its lowest level since October, due to the prolonged political uncertainty.

"This outrageous decision highlights how Erdogan's Turkey is drifting toward a dictatorship," Guy Verhofstadt, a European Parliament lawmaker and the leader of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats, said on Twitter. □



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Official Thai election results favor anti-military party

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's Election Commission on Tuesday officially endorsed results from the country's March 24 general election, declaring that the Pheu Thai party associated with fugitive former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra topped the field by winning 136 constituencies.

The commission said the rival military-backed Palang Pracharath party ran second with 97 seats.

It is still unclear who will form the next government, as both of the top two competitors are seeking partners to achieve a parliamentary majority.

The Election Commission came under heavy criticism for releasing delayed and confusing preliminary vote totals, and has been accused of tilting in favor of the military.

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In this Sunday, March 24, 2019, file photo, an election officer counts votes at a polling station in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

House of Representatives, and the committee endorsed 349 of the 350 won by direct vote. The remaining 150 so-called party

list seats will be awarded based on a proportion of the overall nationwide vote derived from a complicated formula, and the com-

mission must allocate them by Thursday. It has hedged on exactly how the formula will be applied, making it difficult to project the total

allocation of seats in the lower house.

One constituency seat was left unendorsed after the Pheu Thai candidate who topped the vote was disqualified for breaking an election rule by donating money to a Buddhist monk during the campaign.

Thaksin, a billionaire who made his fortune in telecommunications, became prime minister in 2001 as the head of a party he founded. His populist policies won him support among the less well-off rural majority but drew the wrath of the country's traditional ruling class, led by the military and conservative royalists, who felt his electoral strength threatened their influence. When asked when the commission will finish investigating all cases, he said "we will try to investigate as fast as possible."

All directly involved in Sri Lanka attacks dead or arrested

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Two bomb experts were among the suicide attackers who struck churches and hotels on Easter in Sri Lanka and all those directly involved in the bombings are either dead or under arrest, police said.

Acting police chief C.D. Wickramaratne also said in a statement late Monday that explosives the Islamic State-linked group stacked for use in more attacks have been seized.

The bombings killed 257 people and wounded hundreds at three churches and three hotels. Seven sui-

cide bombers died at their targets while another exploded his device later at a guesthouse after his device failed at a leading tourist hotel. A ninth killed herself to avoid capture by police at her home.

Police have detained 73 suspects for investigations since the bombings and have seized stocks of explosives, improvised explosives devices and hundreds of swords. Also they have found \$140,000 in cash in bank accounts connected to the group and another \$40 million worth of assets in land, houses, vehicles and

jewelry. Authorities had repeatedly said another attack from the extremist group was possible.

Sri Lanka's Catholic church hierarchy closed churches for a second weekend on Sunday as the faithful celebrated Mass from home watching live on television. But on Tuesday, one of the churches targeted in the attacks, St. Anthony's Shrine in Colombo, opened a section of the church to the public for the first time since the bombing, enabling devotees to pray in the church as was customary every Tuesday.



Sri Lankan Catholic devotees light candles outside the St. Anthony's church after it was partially opened for the first time since Easter Sunday attacks, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Associated Press

Venezuela's top court targets opposition lawmakers

By **FABIOLA SANCHEZ**
CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's top court opened a criminal investigation against six opposition lawmakers Tuesday following last week's failed attempt to spark a military uprising against President Nicolás Maduro.

The lawmakers are suspected of "betraying the homeland" and "instigating an insurrection," among other charges, the pro-government Supreme Court said. Those facing accusations include prominent figures in the Venezuelan opposition such as Henry Ramos Allup and Luis Germán Florido.

The court initially had said seven faced investigation, but later in the day lowered the number to six without explanation.

The action came one week after opposition leader



Venezuelan Bolivarian National stand guard around the National Assembly building as the opposition-controlled congress met to discuss a move could provide political cover for greater international involvement in the nation's crisis, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Associated Press

Juan Guaidó urged soldiers to oust Maduro, who has taken steps to reassert his authority in the aftermath of the failed uprising.

Additionally, the govern-

ment announced that it was taking control of three private airports. Interior Minister Nestor Reverol described it as a necessary measure to "guarantee ef-

ficiency" and crack down on illegal activity.

Venezuela's opposition-controlled congress, meanwhile, met to discuss a proposal for the country's re-

turn to a regional defense agreement that dates from the Cold War — a move that could provide political cover for greater international involvement in the nation's crisis. The matter was referred to an assembly committee.

Years ago, Venezuela and other left-governed nations pulled out of the U.S.-led defense pact, the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

U.S. officials have repeatedly said they are considering military "options" in the Venezuelan crisis, in addition to diplomatic and economic pressure that has been intensifying for months against Maduro.

Military police prevented journalists from entering the National Assembly, and some reporters were harassed by government supporters outside the building. □

Report: Puerto Rico saw 44% drop in students since '06

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Public and private school enrollment in Puerto Rico has dropped 44% since 2006, researchers announced Tuesday, leading to the closure of 265 schools and raising concerns that children will start to drop out.

Investigators with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at New York's Hunter College said that a disproportionate number of school closures - 65% - have come in rural areas on the economically struggling U.S. territory, compared with 35% in urban areas. The center's director, Edwin Meléndez said the changes have led to cuts in school bus service and reduced access to primary school education.

"They have to travel longer distances. Many live with grandparents or single mothers where transportation isn't available," he said. "They're going to have high desertion rates."

The enrollment drop is mostly a result of a 12-year recession that has sparked an exodus of Puerto Ricans to the U.S. mainland in



In this May 5, 2017 file photo, Ana Sanchez and her 8-year-old daughter Naiyari lock the gates of her school, The Dr. Isaac Gonzalez Martinez school, one of 179 closing that month amid an economic crisis in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

search of jobs and a more affordable cost of living. The exodus accelerated after Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm that hit in September 2017 and is blamed for an estimated 4% loss of the U.S. territory's population.

Meléndez said schools often serve as an anchor

for families, with education being a top factor in the debate of whether to leave the island of 3.1 million people.

"That's one of the reasons families who have emigrated are not coming back," he said of the closures. "The exodus and population loss has not ended."

Meléndez said most of the closures involve primary and middle schools, noting that the number of children younger than 5 has decreased 42 percent since 2006. But he said he worries about young children who remain in Puerto Rico and the increased difficulties they face in finding a

school near their home.

A separate study by the U.S. nonprofit Lumina Foundation found that Puerto Rico college enrollment decreased by 7% over the past three years, but that degree completion is higher on the island than in the U.S. mainland. It is the first time the study includes statistics on Puerto Rico.

Courtney Brown, Lumina's vice president of strategic impact, said Puerto Rico's government also should start thinking about its adult population and how it can contribute to the economy. "They have talent, too," she said. "Puerto Rico has a number of challenges ... (The) human capital issue is just as urgent."

The reports were released a month after Puerto Rico education secretary Julia Keleher resigned amid criticism of school closures and other concerns. A new interim secretary has promised to create charter schools and vouchers as ordered by the governor as part of a plan to overhaul the island's public education system. □

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Executive board and management team ANPF complete



ORANJESTAD – The Aruba National Parks Foundation has again taken a significant step with regards to professionalizing its organization. Effective May 1st, members of the ANPF Board of Trustees appointed a new general director: Roland de Cuba who together with the Director Conservation, Natasha Silva form the Executive Board. Concurrently Starr Ramos, the new Marketing and Communications Manager and Tyson Lopez, the new Sustainable Recreation Manager also joined the foundation.

With these appointments the ANPF's Executive Board and Management Team are now complete and

ready to effectively work on nature conservation in reserves managed by the foundation.

As General Director, Mr. De Cuba will take charge of the foundation; this entails that he - together with the Director Conservation - will diligently work towards professionalizing the organization. The ANPF is an organization that is currently entrusted with about 20% of Aruba's total surface area in addition to a maritime reserve.

Roland de Cuba is also charged with renovations and improvements to Parke Arikok's facilities and roads, as well as optimizing visitor flows. Of high priority are also pending negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement for the ANPF's employees and areas such as development of a streamlined organizational structure, job descriptions and related compensation structure. Furthermore, Roland de Cuba is tasked with development and update of management and conservation planning for the different parks and conservation areas under the ANPF care.

ANPF's Supervisory Board is extremely pleased with the appointment of these three professionals and is convinced that all three will significantly contribute to the further professionalization of the foundation, the welfare of its employees and especially conserva-



tion and preservation of Aruba's natural habitat.

Who is Roland de Cuba?

Roland de Cuba, born in Aruba in 1962 is an ex-student of the Ir. Cesare Terzano MTS. De Cuba served the Antilliaanse Militie (ANTMIL) in Aruba and - as an infantryman - with the United States Marine Corps. Roland de Cuba graduated from Southeastern University in Washington, DC with a BSc in Accounting and Taxation. During his career he held various financial and managerial functions in the United States, the Netherlands and

Curacao. In 2012, Roland de Cuba returned to Aruba. Mr. De Cuba served as Secretary General of the Court of Audit of Aruba. □



Honoring of loyal visitors at the Renaissance Ocean Suites

ORANJESTAD — Recently, Darline de Cuba of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Emerald Ambassadors. This certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 30 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were Mr. Anthony & Marianne Capo residents of New Jersey.

The lovely couple stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, beautiful sandy beaches and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

De Cuba together with David Gomez, representative of the Renaissance Ocean Suites presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □



Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa introduces new Environmental Initiatives



EAGLE BEACH — Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa proudly announces the recertification with Green Globe with an overall 95% score. The resort has a strong commitment to the principles of environmental and social sustainability. Several initiatives have been implemented in 2018 to reduce Manchebo's environmental impact including the reducing and recycling of plastics.

The resort eliminated for example one-way plastics, such as drinking-straws, to go boxes and bags and replaced them with biodegradable, paper or bamboo alternatives. Another improvement is the installation of a beach-side Water Bottle Filling Station of EZ H2O from Elkay and the education of the guests and staff to fill up their bottles instead of purchasing plas-



tic water bottles. With this effort over 1,500 bottles are saved every month. Being a 72-room property, this means a significant reduction in plastic usage around the property.

Early 2018 the resort proudly teamed up with the local student start up The Plastic Beach Party organization, to start recycling the plastic waste of the property. The

Plastic Beach Party is a community-driven recycling initiative, working to reduce waste and give plastic a new life. Together with this local company and the dedicated Manchebo team, the resort was able to change the procedure on the separation of the plastic waste collection. The joined effort with Plastic Beach Party is another step in the right direction to preserve a safe and healthy environment for

the island of Aruba, its people and visiting guests.

Green initiatives are spearheaded by the resort's Green Team a dedicated group of 12 representatives of all departments and from all levels of the resort. More initiatives are soon to follow.

The intimate boutique resort is situated on majestic Eagle Beach in Aruba, considered one of the top three beaches in the world as awarded by TripAdvisor. Contemporary rooms offer peaceful views overlooking the azure ocean waters of the Caribbean or luscious green tropical gardens. Yoga and Pilates classes are offered complimentary daily and there is also a state-of-the-art fitness room for those in search of a unique wellness retreat.

For more information visit <https://www.manchebo.com/aruba-eagle-beach-resort/green-globe> | <http://www.plasticbeachparty.com/> or e-mail our Environmental leader Jessica Dirks at info@manchebo.com □

A.T.A. presents with pride:

Visitor Information Center San Nicolas in 'STATE OF THE ART'



SAN NICOLAS — End of April the Aruba Tourism Authority opened the renovated Visitor Information Center in San Nicolas in a 'State of the Art' style. The festive opening was attended by the Deputy Governor Mrs. Yvonne Lacle-Dirks, together with the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Danguillaume Oduber and CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.) Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe. Also several parliamentarians, key figures of the town and its tourism in general were present.

The function of the Visitor

Information Center is to inform tourists of general tourism information about Aruba and specifically the area of San Nicolas. The office will strengthen the connection between San Nicolas and its visitors and will give the opportunity for the people of San Nicolas to share their culture and nature with our tourists.

The past two years A.T.A. developed strategies to deepen the product of tourism and the re-opening of this Tourism Office San Nicolas forms part of this plan which is called

'Cu Mira pa Futuro' freely translated as 'With an Eye to the Future'. Another aspect of the development initiated by A.T.A. is the 'Niche Roadmap' and the organization is also doing research of the carrying capacity with regards to tourism which is at its end phase now.

All projects taken care of by A.T.A. are included into their yearly plan and strategy for 2021. The goal in the end is an increase of the quality of the product tourism within the model "High Value, Low Impact".



One of the focusses with regards to tourism that are defined by the government is the development of San Nicolas where culture and art are valuable assets as well as the rich nature.

A.T.A. has invested in courses for the island's tour operators to increase their knowledge on this area and share their own ideas about San Nicolas. Several museums were established in San Nicolas, supported by A.T.A., and tourist signs were implanted to give more information to the visitors.

Events like Aruba Art Fair were supported and the area of Baby Beach was upgraded.

Now with the renovated Visitor Information Center the visitors are more than welcome to explore this wonderful and interesting part of Aruba.

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Urgency (UCA) or Emergency (ER)? How to choose where to go for medical attention



Dr. Carlos Yagua Jr. and Dr. Carlos Yagua Sr., son and father

ORANJESTAD — When on vacation and an unexpected health mishap arises, many people's first reaction is to head to the emergency room. But when those illnesses and injuries aren't true emergencies, not knowing the best option for care can end up costing both time and money.

So how do you know where to go when medical attention is needed?

Urgent Care Aruba (UCA) or Emergency Department?

UCA at the Noord Medical Center provides a way to keep up with patients' daily health-care needs, serving as a vital link between the emergency room and the primary care physicians.

Urgent Care Aruba known as UCA, is gathering resources to educate and promote on the best healthcare options.



Dr. Carlos Yagua Velasquez, Managing Director of UCA explains that they, as a family of nine (9) physicians, started the development of UCA in 2013, because it provides patients with an alternative to the emergency room which can be too costly and time-consuming for situations like common illnesses and minor injuries. He states that "While the ED at the Dr. Horacio Oduber is best equipped to handle life-threatening illnesses and injuries, it's important that patients are aware that there are more affordable options available for less serious situations."

Although not a substitute for the emergency room, UCA is a more affordable and has shorter wait times –30 minutes or less. It's less time consuming and more convenient while helping the local community and visitors save money.

When emergency care is needed, such as heart attacks, strokes, bleeding or severe burns, it's vital to go to the ER at Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital immediately.

Financial Savings

When patients visit the emergency room for non-emergencies, they risk incurring a substantial financial loss. Emergency rooms are more expensive for treatment of non-life-threatening situations, while UCA at the Noord Medical Center charges on average a third of the cost.

Plus, a large percentage of all emergency room visits should be going to UCA.

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Residents and visitors from abroad should be sure to confirm the type of facility they're visiting, as treatment at the ER may cost more than UCA at the Noord Medical Center. □



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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 8

Mother's day shopping at the Renaissance mall

- Looking for the perfect gift for MOM? Than Renaissance Mall is where you should be! Give MOM the gift of fashion and we reward YOU! Shop, Scratch and WIN at the Renaissance Mall. With every 50 Florins or more spent, you receive a Scratch Card. Scratch this and see if you are the lucky winner of some wonderful prizes for Mom such as travel voucher worth \$1500, weekend stay, dinners and so much more.
 - From 10:00AM-7:00PM
 - Renaissance Mall, Oranjestad.
- Facebook: Renaissance Mall



Sunday 12

Spoil your Mom

- Because mother's deserve more than just one day! Bring the entire family and enjoy a 3-course dinner. All mothers will receive a small gift.
- From 5:00PM-11:00PM
- Aqua Grill
- Facebook: Aqua Grill

Thursday 9

'A Touch of Aruba' Show

- Enjoy the lovely sound of Sweet Pan Music and a cultural show presented by local artist Nico Connor.
- Starts at 7:30PM
- Divi Village -Seabreeze Terrace
- Facebook: Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Includives



Friday 10

Miss Teen Folklore 2019

- Meet the candidates for Miss Teen Aruba 2019 at this folkloric night. These young ladies will be presenting different typical dances of Aruba. Try some delicious local dishes and beverages and mingle with the locals.
- From 7:00PM-10:00PM
- Historical Museum Fort Zoutman, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Miss Teen Aruba international



Monday 13

California Lighthouse Experience

- Climb to the top of the California Lighthouse to see the best views of the island!
- From 9 AM till 5 PM
- Hudishibana 2, Westpunt
- Facebook Aruba Walking Tours



Saturday 11

'Tambu' workshop

- Want to learn more about the history, tradition, the rhythm and the basics of the 'tambu' (drum)? Ivan Barera a.k.a. Caletto will be happy to teach you!!
- From 4:00PM-6:00PM
- Centro di Actividad Rancho, Koningstraat 38, Oranjestad.
- Facebook: Centro di Actividad Rancho



Tuesday 14

Ling & Sons

- Take advantage of the 20% discount on all fruits and vegetables. It's a great day for shopping.
- From 7:30 AM till 9 PM
- Schotlandstraat 41, Oranjestad
- Facebook Ling and Sons IGA Super Center

SPORTS



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) grabs a rebound against Boston Celtics' Terry Rozier (12) and Jaylen Brown (7) during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Boston, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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Giannis has 39, Bucks beat Celtics 113-101, lead series 3-1

By JIMMY GOLEN

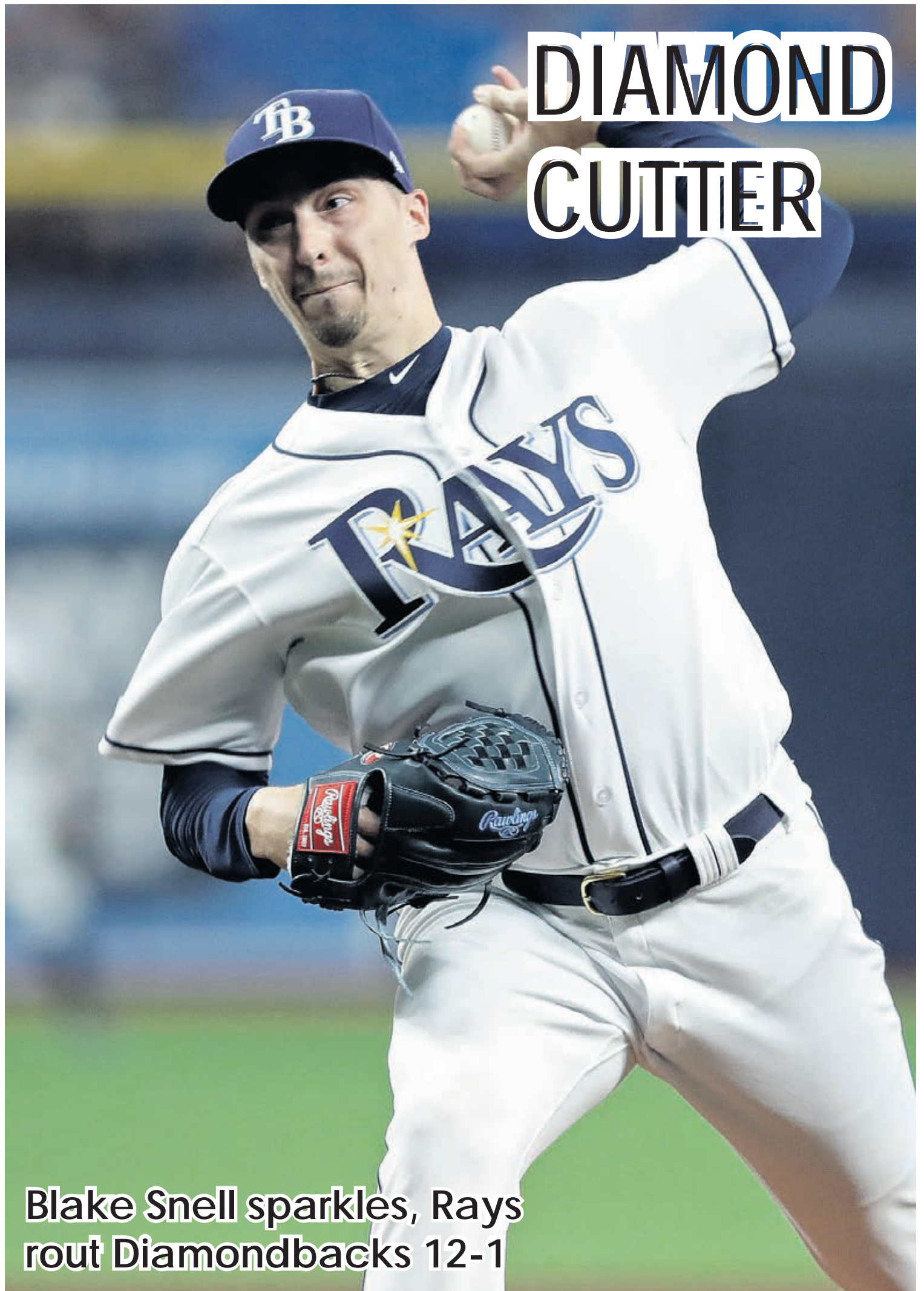
BOSTON (AP) — When Giannis Antetokounmpo picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter of a tie game, the Boston Celtics sensed a chance to pull away. Instead, Milwaukee took control.

Of the game, and the series.

Antetokounmpo watched the Bucks bench open a double-digit lead, then returned with a dominating fourth quarter to finish with 39 points and 16 rebounds as Milwaukee beat Boston 113-101 on Monday night to move one win from its first trip to the Eastern Conference finals since 2001.

"If we're honest with you, when Giannis and Khris (Middleton) go to the bench, you're concerned," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said after his reserves outscored Boston's 32-7 in the game and turned a 59-all tie into a 78-68 lead.

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DIAMOND CUTTER

Blake Snell sparkles, Rays rout Diamondbacks 12-1

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Blake Snell goes into his windup against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the first inning of a baseball game Monday, May 6, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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NFL concussion fund pays out \$485M, but legal fights resume

By MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The NFL concussion fund has paid out nearly \$500 million in its first two years, but some players' lawyers say there aren't enough doctors in the approved network to evaluate dementia claims.

They went to court Tuesday to oppose a rule to require retired players to be tested by doctors within 150 miles (241 kilometers) of home to prevent "doctor shopping" and suspected fraud.

Fund administrator Orran Brown said ex-players from around the country had flocked to four doctors now dismissed from the program who had "high-volume" traffic and some suspect findings.

"We didn't notice it until the claims were coming in," Brown said. "Forty-six million dollars went out the door on these claims before we could flag it."

Retired players can seek awards of as much as \$3 million for moderate dementia and \$1.5 million for mild dementia, although most men would get far less based on their age and years in the league. The settlement resolves thousands of lawsuits that alleged the NFL long hid what it knew about the risk of concussions.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody, who has overseen the case since 2011, suggested the travel limit is needed to prevent abuse.

"A few were brought to my attention where we had a lawyer from Pennsylvania and a player from Florida going to a doctor in Texas. And that was a red flag," Brody said.

Philadelphia lawyer Gene Locks, who represents some 1,100 retired players, urged Brody not to adopt the rule, saying his clients agreed to the settlement believing they could choose their own doctors.

"They had bad experiences with the NFL benefit program, both during their playing time and after their playing time, when they felt they were used and abused, and were not go-

ing to the doctors they wanted to," Locks argued. He said there are at least 30 different subspecialties of neurology, only a few of them well-suited to evaluate his clients.

Brown acknowledged he's still trying to recruit doctors in some parts of the country for the program. He suggested Brody adopt the 150-mile (241-kilometer) rule but allow him to grant exceptions.

The fund, expected to pay out more than \$1 billion over 65 years, has paid out \$485 million so far, and another \$174 million in claims have been approved, Brown said.

The NFL has appealed about 30% of the approved claims, but closer to 15% if the four doctors removed

from the program aren't counted, according to players lawyer David Buchanan.

If someone wants to travel "to see a world-renowned physician, or a world-renowned neuropsychologist, they should have that right," Buchanan said.

Lawyers for the NFL monitored the hearing but did not take part in Tuesday's arguments.

The settlement, forged in 2013 and later amended, offers more than 20,000 retired players baseline testing and compensation of up to \$5 million for the most serious illnesses linked to football concussions, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and deaths involving



Attorney Gene Locks, who represents many former NFL players, walks from the federal courthouse in Philadelphia after a hearing, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

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chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE.

Many of the more serious —

and more straightforward — claims were settled in the first years of the program. □

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Snell shuts down D-Backs, Pham hits grand slam as Rays roll



Tampa Bay Rays' Tommy Pham (29) watches his grand slam off Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Merrill Kelly during the second inning of a baseball game Monday, May 6, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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By The Associated Press
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell took a perfect game into the sixth inning and Tommy Pham hit his first career grand slam, leading the Tampa Bay Rays over the Arizona Diamondbacks 12-1 on Monday night. Snell (3-3) rebounded from allowing a career-high seven runs over three innings of an 8-2 loss at Kansas City last week to hold the Diamondbacks without a hit until Ildemaro Vargas singled with two outs in the sixth. Snell got out of the inning and finished with nine

strikeouts in an 83-pitch outing. Chaz Roe relieved to start the seventh and Casey Sadler allowed an unearned run in the ninth to finish a two-hitter before 8,124, the lowest at Tropicana Field since September 2017. Pham's grand slam off Merrill Kelly (3-3) finished a five-run second inning that put the AL East leaders up 6-0.
WHITE SOX 9, INDIANS 1
CLEVELAND (AP) — Tim Anderson chased Trevor Bauer after the All-Star tweeted a playful message to Anderson earlier in the day, Yoán Moncada had a two-run

homer and four RBIs, and Chicago routed Cleveland to stop a three-game losing streak. Bauer (4-2) matched career highs by allowing eight runs and seven earned runs in five-plus innings, and his ERA rose from 2.45 to 3.42. Anderson chased Bauer with a two-run single in the sixth. Iván Nova (1-3) allowed one run and eight hits in seven innings for his first win since beating Milwaukee for Pittsburgh on Sept. 21.
YANKEES 7, MARINERS 3
NEW YORK (AP) — New York pounced on Seattle's Félix Hernández, building a big

cushion for CC Sabathia in a showdown of acclaimed veterans. Luke Voit, Brett Gardner and Tairo Estrada homered off Hernández while New York gave Sabathia a 6-0 lead after two innings and held on for its 12th win in 16 games. Hernández (1-3) settled in after that, completing five innings of seven-run ball. Domingo Santana and Dee Gordon homered off Sabathia (2-1), but the oversized lefty limited Seattle to three runs over five innings.
TWINS 8, BLUE JAYS 0
TORONTO (AP) — Martin Perez and two relievers

combined on a three-hitter, Eddie Rosario hit his AL-leading 12th home run and Minnesota blanked Toronto. Jason Castro homered and had three RBIs before leaving with a sore right elbow after he was hit by a pitch in the eighth inning. Perez (5-0) won his fourth straight start. The left-hander allowed two hits, both singles, in seven innings, his second straight scoreless outing. Rosario chased Marcus Stroman (1-5) with a two-out solo drive in the fifth.
ORIOLES 4, RED SOX 1
BALTIMORE (AP) — Jonathan Villar hit a grand slam, John Means handcuffed Boston's torrid offense over seven innings and Baltimore beat Boston. Villar connected in the second inning off Josh Smith (0-1), who was making his first start with Boston. The drive came after Villar was robbed of a first-inning double when a fan reached over the 7-foot wall and interfered with left fielder J.D. Martinez's effort to make a catch. Villar's second career slam was more than enough support for Means (4-3), who allowed one run and three hits, striking out four and walking none.
ASTROS 6, ROYALS 4
HOUSTON (AP) — George Springer, Carlos Correa and Robinson Chirinos each homered to lead Houston past Kansas City. Springer opened the first with his 11th home run of the season, including three leadoff drives. He added an RBI double in the eighth. Gerrit Cole (3-4) yielded four runs on seven hits with nine strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth for his eighth save. Jakob Junis (3-3) allowed five runs on nine hits in 5 1/3 innings. □

Paddack, Renfroe lead Padres over deGrom, Mets 4-0

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) —

Pumped-up rookie Chris Paddack struck out a career-high 11 to outduel NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom, and Hunter Renfroe homered for San Diego against New York. Paddack (3-1) was impressive in his sixth big league start, allowing just four singles over 7 2/3 innings.

He struck out Pete Alonso, the season's first NL Rookie of the Month, in his first two at-bats. The right-hander showed some emotion, pumping his fist after fanning Alonso on a 98 mph fastball in the first.

Craig Stammen got four outs for his second major league save.

The slumping Mets lost their fourth straight and were shut out for the second time in six games. They've mustered only seven runs in their past six games — one of which went 18 innings.

DeGrom (2-4) allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings in a game that took just 2 hours, 14 minutes. He struck out seven.

Eric Hosmer had a two-run double in the eighth.

DODGERS 5, BRAVES 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Walker Buehler shook off a rough playoff start against Atlanta last year, matching a season high with eight strikeouts while pitching Los Angeles to victory.

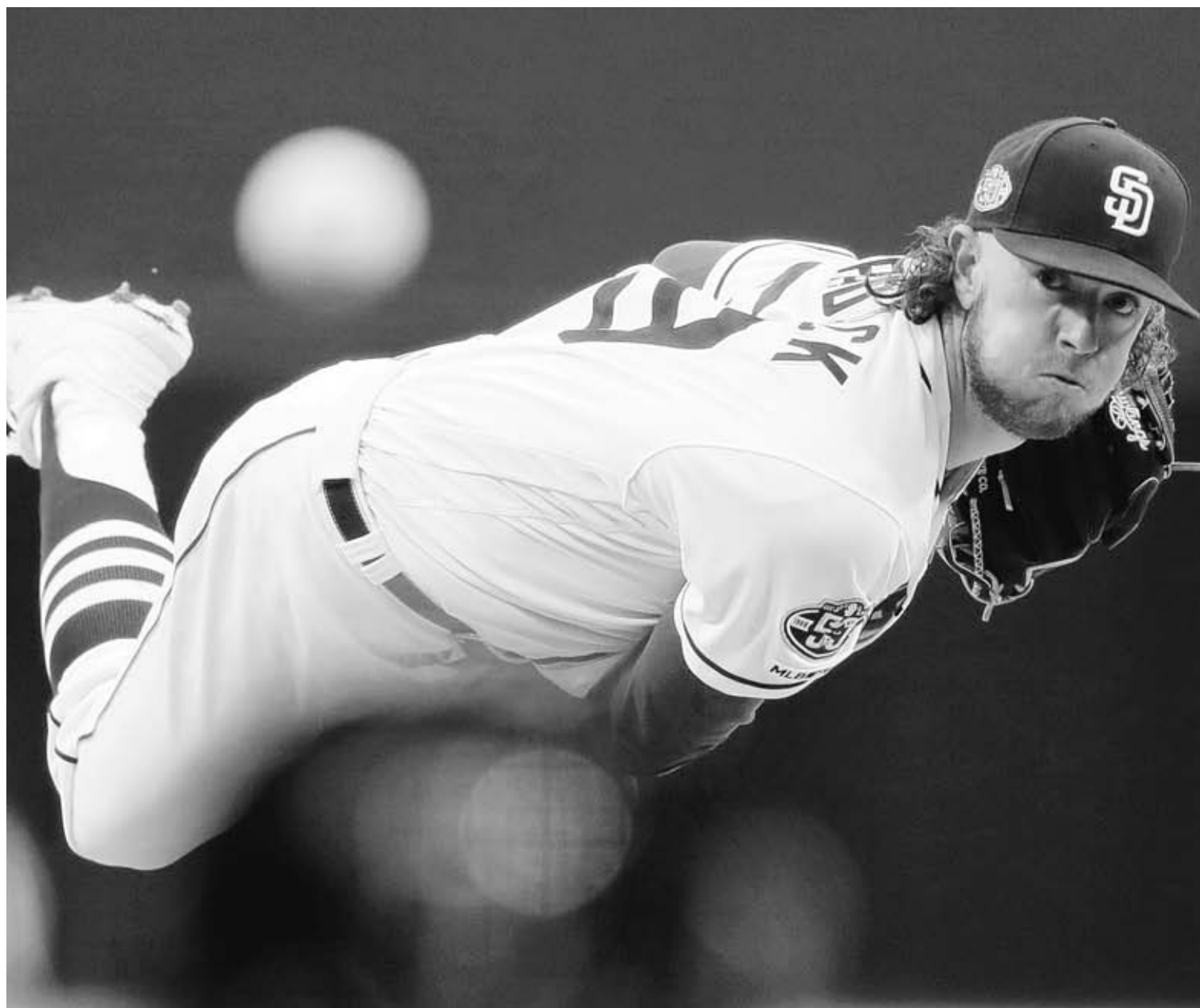
Chris Taylor had two RBIs as the Dodgers extended their home winning streak to eight games.

Buehler (4-0) started the only game the Braves won in last season's NL Division Series matchup, giving up a grand slam to Ronald Acuña Jr. The right-hander allowed homers this time to Freddie Freeman and Nick Markakis, but limited the damage to three runs over seven innings.

With closer Kenley Jansen getting a rest, Julio Urias worked a perfect ninth for his first career save.

Braves starter Kevin Gausman (1-3) was able to pitch after appealing a five-game suspension for throwing at Miami's Jose Urena on Friday.

Gausman gave up five



San Diego Padres starting pitcher Chris Paddack works against a New York Mets batter during the first inning of a baseball game Monday, May 6, 2019, in San Diego.

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runs, three earned, over 4 1/3 innings.

MARLINS 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Pedro Strop walked three batters in the ninth inning and Miami took advantage, rallying for three runs to halt Chicago's winning streak at seven games.

Jon Berti hit his first major league homer, a solo shot off Cole Hamels in the sixth to tie it at 3 after the Cubs had jumped ahead 3-0 against Sandy Alcantara in the first.

Chicago led 4-3 entering the ninth, but Strop (1-2) walked Rosell Herrera to force in the tying run with nobody out. The last-place Marlins got two more runs on a grounder and a comebacker with Kyle Ryan on the mound.

Adam Conley (1-3) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win. Sergio Romo worked around a solo homer by Kris

Bryant and a single by Anthony Rizzo to earn his sixth save.

Rizzo lined a two-run shot in the first for his 200th career homer.

REDS 12, GIANTS 4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Nick Senzel hit a leadoff homer after a swarm of bees finally left home plate, and the rookie connected again his next time up, leading Cincinnati past San Francisco. The wild game included a record-tying four Reds getting plunked in one inning. Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval pitched the eighth and also hit a batter. The first pitch was delayed 18 minutes as bees swarmed above the backstop screen, prompting umpires and players to keep a safe distance before the bees flew away.

Senzel connected on the second pitch by Drew Pomeranz (1-4) and hom-

ered again in the second inning for a 6-0 lead.

Anthony DeSclafani (2-1) gave up four runs, including Sandoval's three-run homer, in six innings.

BREWERS 5, NATIONALS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A long night and day of travel for Washington got even worse when it wasted a pair of leads, made four errors and lost to Milwaukee. The Nationals' charter flight was delayed eight hours as the plane sat on the tarmac at Philadelphia because of mechanical problems Sunday night. They finally got off the plane about 3 a.m. and returned to their hotel, then headed to Milwaukee on Monday and arrived after noon.

Ben Gamel, Christian Yelich and Yasmani Grandal hit consecutive singles off Dan Jennings (0-2) starting the seventh, with Grandal driving in the tying run.

Álex Claudio (1-1) won despite allowing a home run by Adam Eaton that put Washington ahead 3-2 in the seventh.

Junior Guerra struck out two in a perfect ninth for his second save.

CARDINALS 6, PHILLIES 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Miles Mikolas pitched seven stellar innings and Yadier Molina hit one of three home runs as St. Louis beat Philadelphia. Matt Carpenter and Paul DeJong also went deep as the Cardinals snapped a four-game skid. Mikolas (4-2) allowed only three hits in his second-longest outing this season.

John Brebbia and Jordan Hicks finished the five-hitter. The Cardinals chased starter Vince Velasquez (1-2) in the fifth when he gave up two homers sandwiched around a single. He allowed five runs on four hits and five walks. □

Harden helps Rockets tie up series with Warriors

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden and the Houston Rockets dug out of a 0-2 hole to even their Western Conference semifinals series with the Golden State Warriors after another game where they fought, scrapped and held off a late rally to get a victory. Harden scored 38 points and the Rockets got a 112-108 win on Monday night to even the best-of seven series at 2-2.

"When you're dealing with these guys, if you let Klay (Thompson) and Steph (Curry) run around and shoot 3s you don't have no chance," Harden said. "The only chance we have is to be in to their bodies and make every shot that they take contested."

The Rockets were up by nine before the Golden State scored the next seven points, capped by a 3 from Stephen Curry, to get within 110-108 with 19 seconds left. Harden made

one of two free throws with 11.5 seconds left. Kevin Durant missed a 3 after that. But the Warriors got the rebound and Curry also missed a 3-point attempt before Golden State was forced to foul Chris Paul.

"We got a couple of wide-open looks," Durant said. "They just didn't fall for us." Paul made one of two free throws with 2.9 seconds left to secure the victory.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr was asked about the physical play of the Rockets, who have several players who are much stockier than his squad.

"They've got a lot of middle linebackers on that team," he said. "They're sturdy and we're like volleyball players, long and lean ... everybody tries to be physical with us because they should. That's the best way to try to beat us."

After losing the first two games of the series on the road, the Rockets head



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, falls down after being bumped by Houston Rockets guard James Harden during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, May 6, 2019, in Houston.

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back to Golden State for Game 5 on Wednesday night with momentum on their side after their overtime win in Game 3 before Monday night's victory.

The Warriors got 34 points from Kevin Durant, who had 46 in the Game 3 loss. Curry, who was criticized after shooting 7 for 23 in Game 3, got off to a good start, scoring 11 points in the first quarter. He cooled off after that, but finished with 30 points on 12 of 25 shooting. "I didn't think we got great shots for much of the night," Kerr said. "We've got to be more poised and that has to be a focus."

Eric Gordon added 20 points for Houston and P.J. Tucker had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite two straight win, the Rockets still don't think they've played their best.

"We've got to be better," Tucker said. "We've got to be more aggressive. We've got to pick it up." □

BUCKS CELTICS

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"But you have confidence that that group can play." George Hill scored 15 points — nine in the third quarter — and Pat Connaughton had nine points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Milwaukee, which outscored Boston's bench 42-16 in Game 3. After sitting out the last 8:18 of the third quarter, Antetokounmpo scored 17 points with seven rebounds in the fourth to help the Bucks pull away.

"It's always hard to take out Giannis; let's start there. But at the end of the day, we are conscious of trying to keep him fresh," Budenholzer said. "It's hard to find the words (for) what he does for our team, both ends of the court. He's special, but he's very hungry. He wants more, and he's playing that way."

The Bucks have won three straight since losing the opener of the best-of-seven series at home and can eliminate the Celtics in Game 5 at home on Wednesday night. They have not reached the East finals since the '01 team of Ray Allen and Glenn Rob-



Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving (11) and teammates, from left to right, Jaylen Brown, Marcus Morris, Jayson Tatum and Gordon Hayward wait for the ball to be put in play by the Milwaukee Bucks during the second half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Boston, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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inson fell to Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Dikembe Mutombo in seven games. "Good players, when they have an opportunity like this, they don't waste it," Antetokounmpo said. "At the end of the day, I've got to do whatever it takes to help my team win."

SUMMER TIME

In what might be his last home game for the Celtics, Kyrie Irving scored 23 points with 10 assists. But he was 7 for 22 from the floor, including 1 for 7 from 3-point

range.

"Who cares? I'm a basketball player," said the six-time All-Star, who can become a free agent this summer. "I'm trying to do it all. For me, the 22 shots — I should have shot 30."

After leading all scorers with 26 points in Boston's Game 1 blowout, Irving has made 19 of 62 shots and just 4 of 20 from 3-point range. He left the court with a few seconds remaining on the clock; many in the crowd had already headed for

the exits, but a lone fan shouted at Irving, "Don't leave!"

"I know probably to the outside world we probably don't stand much of a chance," Celtics Center Al Horford, who scored 20. "We're at a low point as a group, I guess that's the reality. We'll have to bring that fight to them on Wednesday."

DIFFERENT YEARS

Boston beat Milwaukee in seven games in the first round last year and went on to lose to LeBron James and the Cavaliers in seven games in last year's conference finals. They will have to win three straight — two of them on the road — to return.

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Marcus Morris Sr. scored 18 with 14 rebounds, and Jayson Tatum had 17 points and 10 boards for Boston.

EARLY RUNS

Boston led by as many as 11 points before Connaughton made a long 3 at the first-quarter buzzer to make it 30-22. With about five minutes left in the second, the Bucks scored eight straight points to tie it.

Boston led 67-65 before Milwaukee scored 13 of the next 14 points — seven of them by Hill, and all of them with Antetokounmpo on the bench — to open a double-digit lead.

"Yeah that was killer," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Their bench comes in, they've had no dropoff. Connaughton's been excellent. George Hill's been absolutely tremendous."

TIP-INS

Milwaukee has won four straight road playoff games. ... Marcus Smart, who has been out since tearing a muscle in his side during the second-to-last game of the regular season, played 15 minutes and scored three points, making 1 of 7 attempts from 3-point range. ... It was Antetokounmpo's eighth career 30-point playoff game, tying Marques Johnson for second in franchise history. □



In this May 4, 2019, file photo, Flavien Prat rides Country House to the finish line during the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

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Derby winner Country House out of Preakness due to illness

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer

After being declared the winner of the Kentucky Derby by disqualification, Country House will not run in the Preakness because of illness, ending any chance a Triple Crown this year.

Trainer Bill Mott said Tuesday the long shot winner of horse racing's biggest event was no longer being considered to run in the second jewel of the Triple Crown after it looked like Country House was getting sick. After the horse started coughing, which Mott called unusual, blood work showed he was harboring some sort of virus.

"Hopefully just rest and a little time is going to be what the doctor ordered," Mott told The Associated Press. "Other than that, he doesn't actually act sick. He's kind of a big, tough horse, but there's signs that things are not going in the right direction with him."

Country House was elevated to the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby in sloppy conditions Saturday after Maximum Security was disqualified for impeding other horses. His absence at the Preakness means there won't be a third Triple Crown winner in five years.

Bob Baffert-trained Justify and American Pharoah have each won it since 2015.

Country House is the first Kentucky Derby winner not to enter the Preakness since Grindstone in 1996. Grindstone, who was found to have bone chips in one of his knees, was the first Derby winner to be retired immediately after that race since Bubbling Over in 1926. Because of how the Kentucky Derby went, Mott said he and those around the horse were not as disappointed by this as they would've been under normal circumstances.

"I guess it's been an unusual ride anyway," Mott said of his first Derby victory. "I don't think it hit any of us as hard as what it might have. I think we're grateful to have the win we had and hopefully he bounces back for some races later on."

Country House joins Maximum Security in skipping the Preakness.

The 1 3/16-mile Preakness is May 18 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Though shorter than the Kentucky Derby, the race requires a quick turnaround. Maximum Security owner Gary West didn't want to burden his colt with the Triple Crown off the table. □



Roger Federer, from Switzerland, celebrates after winning right, embraces Richard Gasquet, from France, during the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

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Federer returns to clay-court swing with easy win in Madrid

By TALES AZZONI

MADRID (AP) — Roger Federer looked as comfortable as ever on his return to clay.

Showing no signs of rust after skipping clay-court tournaments the last two seasons, Federer cruised to a 6-2, 6-3 win over Richard Gasquet at the Madrid Open on Tuesday.

The fourth-seeded Federer needed less than an hour to win his first match on clay since 2016 and reach the third round in the Spanish capital.

"It feels good to be back on the clay," Federer said. "I enjoyed it. Some of these rallies, where you get pushed to the side, you slide. You can play in a different manner than you do on the hard courts or the grass."

The 37-year-old Federer skipped the clay season the last two years to make sure he was fit for the rest of the year. The 20-time Grand Slam champion is preparing to make his first French Open appearance since 2015. He has won two hard-court titles this season, in Dubai and Miami. He is a three-time winner in Madrid, with his last title in 2012.

The fourth-seeded Swiss converted his three break points and didn't concede

any to the 39th-ranked Gasquet at the "Magic Box" center court.

Gasquet was playing in his first tournament after enduring a going injury early in the year.

"I think Richard was also maybe a little bit hurt from his match yesterday, so it was nice seeing him back after so many months being away from the tour with injury," Federer said. "I think for both of us it was a special match being back here in Madrid." Earlier, top-ranked Novak Djokovic started with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Taylor Fritz. He broke the American's serve once in the first set and twice in the second, conceding only one break opportunity. The top-seeded Serb had seven aces and lost only two service points in the second set.

"I don't think he was playing at his best today," Djokovic said. "But I think it was a solid opening match for me in the tournament."

Djokovic is seeking his second title of the year, and third overall in Madrid. He began the year by winning the Australian Open.

David Ferrer extended his career with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win over Roberto Bautista Agut, setting up a second-round meeting with defending champion Alexan-

der Zverev. The 37-year-old Ferrer is retiring after the tournament.

"I want to be with my family and try to enjoy as much as possible the time that I have to play in this center court," the Spaniard said. "And tomorrow I have another opportunity and I'll go out there to try to enjoy every single feeling that I might experience out there."

Stan Wawrinka ended a three-match losing streak in Madrid by defeating Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-2, 6-3.

"I felt good. It was a great match, a first great match," Wawrinka said. "I have been playing good on the practice court, feeling really good, so it was important to start well today and I'm happy with the first match." Brazil Open champion Guido Pella upset 12th-seeded Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, while Fabio Fognini beat Kyle Edmund 6-4, 6-3. On the women's side, top-ranked Naomi Osaka defeated Sara Sorribes Tormo 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-0 in the second round.

"I feel like in the first set, I got a bit lucky there," Osaka said. "In the third set, I just, like, went zombie mode and then just thought of everything that I had to do to win and not necessarily the outcome." □

Google's AI Assistant aims to transcend the smart speaker

By **RACHEL LERMAN**

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

When Google launched its now distinctive digital assistant in 2016, it was already in danger of being an also-ran.

At the time, Amazon had been selling its Echo smart speaker, powered by its Alexa voice assistant, for more than a year. Apple's Siri was already five years old and familiar to most iPhone users. Google's main entry in the field up to that point was Google Now, a phone-bound app that took voice commands but didn't answer back.

Now the Google Assistant — known primarily as the voice of the Google Home smart speaker — is increasingly central to Google's new products. And even though it remains commercially overshadowed by Alexa, it keeps pushing the boundaries of what artificial intelligence can accomplish in everyday settings.

For instance, Google last year announced an Assistant service called Duplex, which it said can actually call up restaurants and make reservations for you. Duplex isn't yet widely available yet outside of Google's own Pixel phones in the U.S. Alexa and Siri so far offer nothing similar.

Google is expected to announce updates and expansions to its AI Assistant at its annual developer conference Tuesday.

Although voice assistants have spread across smartphones and into cars and



In this Jan. 8, 2019, file photo shows the Google Assistant, which includes an "interpreter mode" that enables some of Google's smart home devices to work as a translator, at the Google display area at CES International in Las Vegas.

offices, they're currently most commonly found in the home, where people tend to use them with smart speakers for simple activities such as playing music, setting timers and checking the weather. Amazon's Echo devices maintain a strong lead in the market, according to eMarketer; the firm estimates that 63% of all U.S. smart speaker users will talk to an Amazon device this year, compared to 31% that will use Google. Apple's HomePod is a mere afterthought, lumped in the "other" category which has a combined 12%.

More broadly, though, the competition is much more difficult to assess. Google claims the Assistant is now

available across more than a billion devices, although many of those are smartphones whose owners may never have uttered the Assistant's wake-up phrase, "OK Google."

Amazon and Google may one-up each other on different metrics, but the real measurement is how well they've achieved those own goal, said Gartner analyst Werner Goertz.

Amazon's deep ties in shopping make Alexa the go-to assistant for adding items to your grocery list or putting in a quick re-order of dish soap. Google's decades of deep search technology make it the leader in looking up or answering questions you might have and

personalizing its responses based on what else Google knows about you from your previous searches, your movements or your web browsing.

All that, of course, reinforces Google's key advertising business, which is based on showing you ads targeted to your interests.

At first, the Assistant on Home mostly just acted as a vocal search engine; it could also carry out a few additional tasks like starting your Spotify playlists. Over time, however, it has added dozens of languages, partnered with more than 1,500 smart home companies to control lights, locks and TVs and learned to identify members of any

given household by voice. It's also expanded the number of apps and other companies it works with and moved into Google Maps as a way to send text messages while driving.

Both Google and Amazon plan further expansions. Last year, Amazon unveiled a number of home gadgets with Alexa built in, including a "smart" microwave. At the CES gadget show this year, it showed off a phone-connected device that brings Alexa to cars.

Google countered with updates to its expanding Android Auto system, which got Assistant capability last year.

As Assistant and Alexa get smarter, faster and more personalized, analysts expect their reach to become broader and more ubiquitous. The speakers, said eMarketer analyst Victoria Petrock, are "getting people used to talking to their devices." Eventually, she says, if you can speak to your microwave and TV and lights directly, you won't need the speakers — except maybe to play music. In these emerging areas Google is hoping to outflank rivals with its strong inroads with Android smartphones and cars. But it faces competition in many of these areas not just from Amazon, but also Apple and Microsoft.

Google I/O kicks off at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mountain View, California. The company is expected to announce a less expensive Pixel phone and updates to its smart home devices. □

Google spinoff, Lyft team up to offer self-driving car rides

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google's self-driving car spinoff Waymo is teaming up with Lyft in Arizona to attempt to lure passengers away from ride-hailing market leader Uber.

The alliance announced Tuesday will allow anyone with the Lyft app in the Phoenix area to summon one of the 10 self-driving Waymo cars that will join the ride-hailing service by end of September.

Waymo's robotic vehicles will still have a human behind the wheel to take control in case something goes awry with the technology. But their use in Lyft's service could make more people feel comfortable about riding in self-driving cars.

Both Lyft and Uber consider self-driving cars to be one of the keys to turning a profit, something neither company has done so far. Meanwhile, Waymo has been slowly expanding its

own ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area that so far has been confined to passengers who previously participated in free tests of its self-driving technology.

"We're committed to continuously improving our customer experience, and our partnership with Lyft will also give our teams the opportunity to collect valuable feedback," Waymo CEO John Krafcik wrote in a blog post.

Lyft President John Zimmer

described the Waymo partnership as "phenomenal" in a Tuesday conference call. Uber didn't respond to a request for comment.

The new threat to Uber is emerging as the San Francisco company pursues an initial public offering of stock that could raise \$9 billion when the deal is completed later this week. Lyft raked in more than \$2 billion in its own IPO in March, only to see its stock fall nearly 20% below its offering price

amid concerns about its ability to make money — a challenge magnified by another loss of \$1.1 billion during the first three months of the year.

Waymo's corporate parent, Alphabet Inc., is in line to be among the biggest winners in Uber's IPO just as it was in the Lyft IPO. Alphabet owns a 5% stake in Uber that will be worth as much as \$3.6 billion if Uber realizes its goal of selling its stock for as much as \$50 per share. □

Millennial Money: Break free of debt without paying a price

By AMRITA JAYAKUMAR
Associated Press

Samantha Ealy graduated with a bachelor's degree and \$70,000 in debt. She worked multiple jobs to pay off student loans, a car, medical bills and credit cards in three years. But looking back, Ealy sees a few missteps.

For example, one job offered a 401(k), but she didn't put in enough to qualify for an employer contribution, which she now regrets. "That was free money," she says.

Young people buried under the weight of student loans recognize that paying off their debt is crucial to financial freedom — and for some, to their financial future, too.

In a 2018 NBC News/Gen-Forward survey of 18- to 34-year-olds, a third said debt caused them to put off buying a home and 31% to delay saving for retirement. In addition, 14% percent said they delayed getting married, and 16% delayed having children. Taking steps to get debt-free and set yourself up for success also means making the right moves now to avoid costly trade-offs later. Three people who paid off debt share lessons they learned, which may help you refine your own strategy.

TRACK YOUR SPENDING

Ealy, now 31 and pursuing an MBA at Stanford University in California, realizes she was hyper-focused on earning more when she should have paid better attention to spending less. "From day zero, I should have been maintaining a budget," she says. "Had I done that sooner, I probably would have realized I could have cut some spending that was ridiculous and done without as many jobs as I was working."

Tip: Build a budget and use one of the many free apps like Mint to stay on top of spending, says Bill Brancaccio, a certified financial planner and co-founder of



In this Feb. 12, 2019 file photo, a pedestrian passes beneath City Hall in Philadelphia during a winter storm.

Associated Press

Rightirement Wealth Partners in Harrison, New York.

SAVE FOR EMERGENCIES

While paying off debt, it may seem counterintuitive to put money away for emergencies. But an emergency fund can prevent you from going deeper into debt when an unexpected expense hits.

Laura Olear, 32, a substitute public schoolteacher in Los Angeles, said her emergency fund saved her while she was paying off close to \$31,000 in debt. Olear used both do-it-yourself methods and a debt management plan from the nonprofit credit counseling agency Money Management International to tackle student loans, a car loan and credit card debt. She had saved \$1,000, some of which she needed for car repairs during her six-year journey to pay down her debt.

"I am grateful that money was there," she says.

Tip: Contributing even a few hundred dollars to an emergency fund can insulate you from common financial shocks, according to a 2016 study from the

Urban Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT RETIREMENT

Thomas Nitzsche I earned his own hard financial lessons before he began working for Money Management International, where he's now spokesman.

Nitzsche, 40, lost his job during the 2008 recession. He stopped contributing to his 401(k) and withdrew all of it to pay off about \$12,000 in credit card debt instead. Soon after, he landed his current job and realized his mistake.

"I had to start over at 28 or so with building for retirement," he says.

Olear had a similar experience. "Retirement for me sounded so far away," she says. "I withdrew my money, paid all the fines and blew it."

While paying her debt, she came to understand the value of retirement. Olear now contributes to a 403(b) retirement plan through her job.

Tip: While retirement may seem far off, you can't afford to ignore it while you're paying off debt. To accu-

mulate enough money for retirement, you need to give it a long time to grow.

CHOOSE A METHOD THAT FITS YOU

Two strategies to pay off debt include the debt snowball and debt avalanche. With snowball, you pay off debts from the smallest amount to the largest by taking care of the little one first, while paying minimums on the others. Once it's paid, you roll what you had been paying on it into your payments on the next debt, and so on.

The avalanche approach prioritizes paying off the debt with the highest interest rate first and paying minimums on others. A credit card would be paid off before a student loan, for example.

"The snowball works better for behavioral purposes," Brancaccio says. If you need quick wins to stay motivated, choose snowball.

But if you're committed for the long haul, use avalanche. "The avalanche mathematically will generally work out better," he says. □



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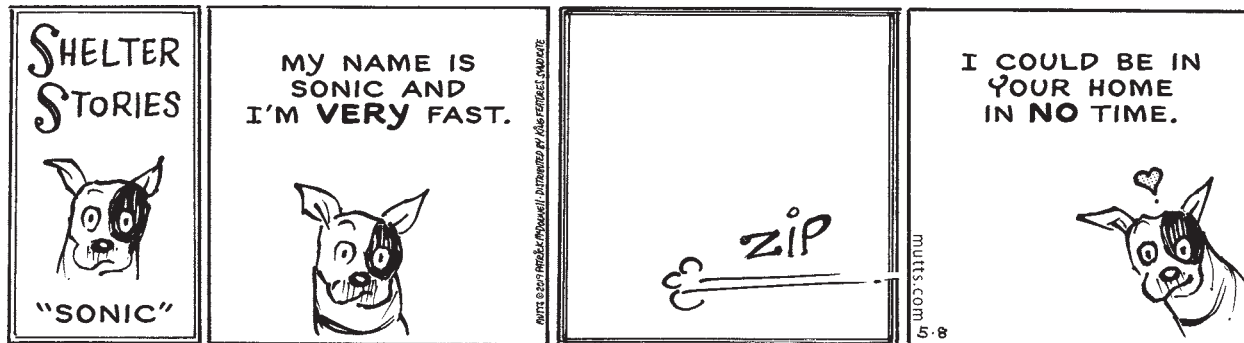
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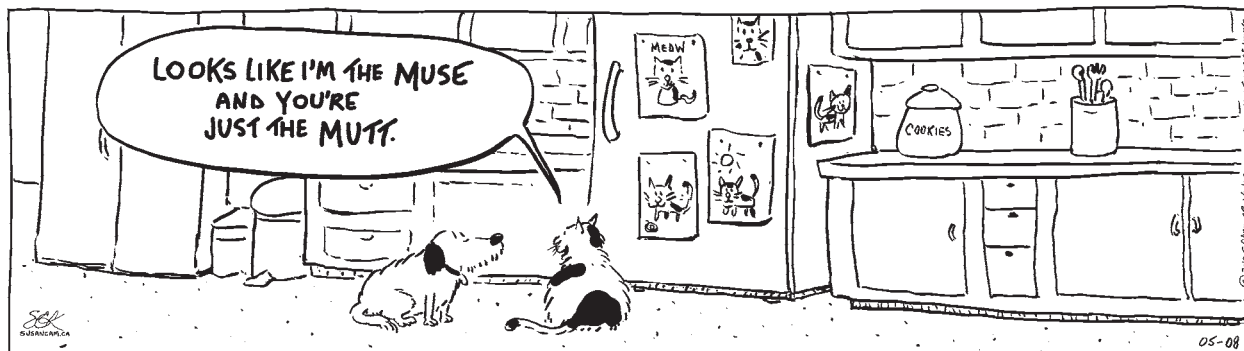
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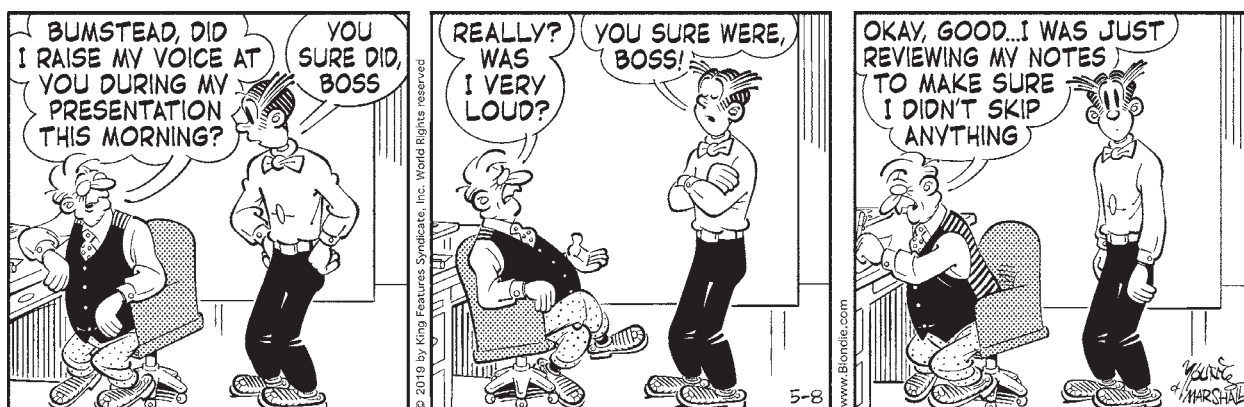
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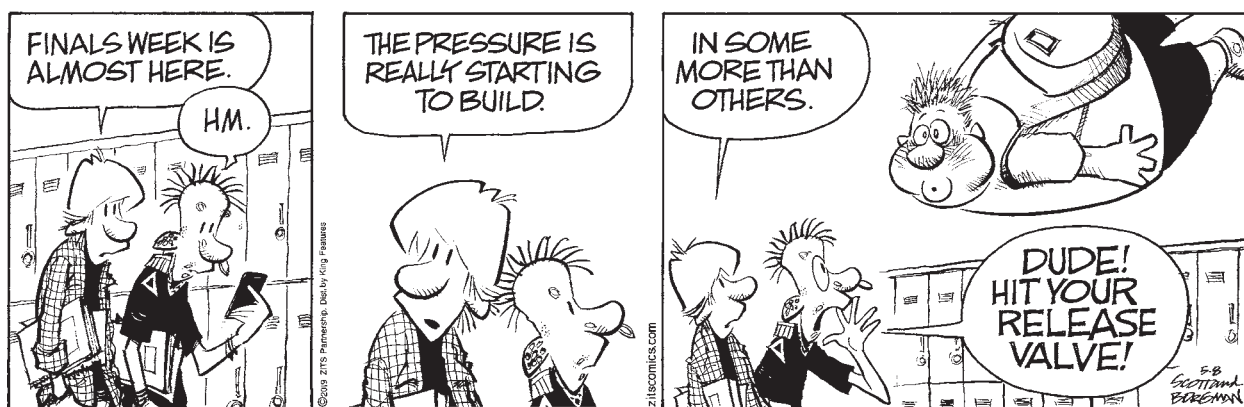
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5/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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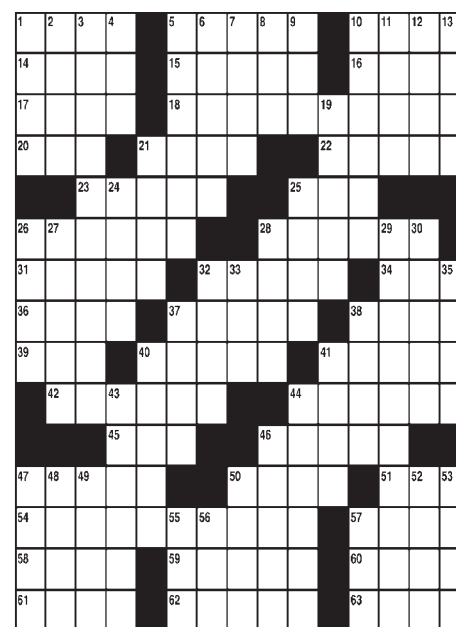
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5	9	2	1	6	4	8	7	3
7	1	3	2	9	8	4	5	6
8	6	4	5	7	3	9	1	2

ACROSS

- Thrilled
- Island nation near Sicily
- "Get lost!"
- Frontal __; part of the brain
- Just right
- Explorer Marco
- Flows back
- Writer's submission
- And not
- Cold sore sites
- Wash off shampoo
- Royal decree
- Nickname for Margaret
- Shanties
- Rest period
- Bring together
- Place for rouge
- Laundry soap
- Beef or pork
- Clip wool
- Suffix for lament or laugh
- Cauldron
- Displeased look
- Soviet labor camp
- Guy
- Walks leisurely
- Cereal bit
- Football kicks
- Discarded remnant
- On the __; increasing
- Vitality
- Downtown thoroughfare
- Lion's cry
- At __; instantly
- Small weight
- Israeli dance
- Equipment
- Word of welcome
- "I __ Have Eyes for You"

DOWN

- Singer Campbell
- Gray wolf
- Shorten
- __ Moines
- Copycats
- Alter to make fit
- Camera's eye
- Plato's "T"
- Capone & others
- Bits of parsley
- Quarter, for one
- "Heidi" setting
- Carry
- Stream
- Mrs. Herman Munster
- Skillful
- Wharf
- Camel's feature
- __ these days; eventually
- Marine mammal
- Recipe amount
- Ease, as another's fears
- Food, slangily
- Chop down
- Table supports
- Aberdeen native
- Vienna's nation: abbr.
- Swats
- Long __; absent for quite awhile



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

ELF	ABHOR	SCAM
BEAR	DROVE	TODO
BAKE	LANES	ROAM
NEGLIGENT	ELMS	
ROBS	LBS	
ASSETS	PLEASANT	
SPITS	DAISY	DOA
TOES	SITES	DEBT
HUG	GUESS	MAPLE
ETERNITY	BARTER	
HUT	VEIL	
PLAY	ASCENDING	
HINT	BEARD	NEAR
INCH	LARGE	GETA
SEEM	ELDER	DEN

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- Car to use temporarily
- Pass __; be accepted
- Bit of a jigsaw puzzle
- Air pollution
- Candy __; Yuletide sweet
- Costa __
- Monthly expense
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- Pastor's advice
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- __ into; meet unexpectedly
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This May 3, 2019, photo provided by the National Park Service shows a close-up image of a red-legged frog released on Friday May 3, 2019 in Cook's Meadow in Yosemite Valley.

Associated Press

Red-legged frogs thriving in Yosemite after long absence

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Red-legged frogs made famous by Mark Twain are thriving in Yosemite Valley after a decades-long absence.

Ecologists this spring found clusters of eggs in meadows and ponds, proof of the first breeding by the frogs in Yosemite since 2017, when adult red-legged frogs were reintroduced after a 50-year absence, Yosemite National Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds said Monday.

"It's unusual to find eggs in any location and to find them this soon is a strong indication that red-legged frogs are adapting successfully to the riparian areas where we reintroduced them," Reynolds said.

The California red-legged frog is named for its colorful legs and belly. It was featured in Twain's short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." The frog disappeared from Yosemite in part because non-native, predatory bullfrogs first introduced to a

reflection pond spread throughout the valley and, over time, gobbled them up.

The insatiable bullfrogs have been eradicated from the park, clearing the way for the red-legged frog's return.

The amphibians were reintroduced in Yosemite National Park under a partnership with federal and state agencies, the Yosemite Conservancy and the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens, where thousands tadpoles and adult frogs are being bred for release in the park 200 miles (320 kilometers) away.

The program has reintroduced an estimated 4,000 California red-legged frog eggs and tadpoles and 500 adult frogs, setting them free in the park's lush meadows, alpine lakes and winding Merced River.

At 2 to 5 inches long (5-13 centimeters), red-legged frogs are the largest native frogs in the West and once were found throughout California. □



Hungarian President Janos Ader, right, wearing a beekeeper hat gets to know the biomonitoring system for bee life at the University of Sopron, where he delivered a lecture on climate change in Sopron, 210 kms west of Budapest, Hungary, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Associated Press

Science Says: Why biodiversity matters to you

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

You may go your entire life without seeing an endangered species, yet the globe's biodiversity crisis threatens all of humanity in numerous unseen or unrecognized ways, scientists say.

A massive United Nations report this week warned that nature is in trouble, estimated 1 million species are threatened with extinction if nothing is done and said the worldwide deterioration of nature is everybody's problem.

"Nature is essential for human existence and good quality of life," the report said.

Food, energy, medicine, water, protection from storms and floods and slowing climate change are some of the 18 ways nature helps keep people alive, the report said. And it concluded 14 of those are on long-term declining trends. "You destroy nature and it's going to bite you back," Duke University ecology Stuart Pimm said, pointing to how difficult it has been for China to recover from decades of forest loss.

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosys-

tem Services (IPBES) report points to more than 2,500 wars and other conflicts over fossil fuels, water, food and land to show how important nature is.

"Protecting biodiversity means protecting mankind because we human beings depend fundamentally on the diversity of the living," UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said in announcing the report in Paris.

Here are four ways humanity depends on nature, according to the report and scientists:

FOOD

Nearly all food comes directly from nature, said report co-author Kai Chan, an environmental scientist at the University of British Columbia. Even though overall the world is growing more food, pressure on crops from pollution, habitat changes and other forces has made prices soar and even caused food riots in Latin America, he said.

Pollinators across the globe, not just bees, are in decline. Three quarters of the world's food crops, including fruits, vegetables, coffee and cocoa, require pollination.

The report said pollinator

loss could cost the world \$285 billion to \$577 billion a year.

MEDICINE and HEALTH

About 70% of the drugs used to fight cancer "are natural or are synthetic products inspired by nature," the report said. About 4 billion people rely primarily on natural medicines.

George Mason University ecologist Thomas Lovejoy points to a single heat-thriving microbe that comes out of Yellowstone National Park's hot springs. Pieces of its genetic code are the key to a scientific technique called polymerase chain reaction (PCR) that is used for medical, genetic and forensic tests and much of modern biotechnology. "Nature underpins all dimensions of human health," the report said.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

The world's forests and oceans suck nearly 6.2 billion tons (5.6 billion metric tons) of heat-trapping carbon dioxide out of the air each year, the report said. That's about 60% of what humans produce through burning fossil fuels.

Earth would be warming more and faster without forests and oceans, scientists said. □

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Capone's newly discovered prison roomie gets cot in exhibit

By KRISTEN DE GROOT

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When mobster Al Capone was jailed in Philadelphia in 1929, one newspaper portrayed his cell as a luxurious lockup, adorned with richly colored oriental rugs, polished wood furniture and other trappings the mob boss told the reporter were "very comfortable."

The Eastern State Penitentiary, which is now a museum, worked hard to recreate the cell to fit that description.

Turns out, that account might not have been entirely accurate, and a key detail was missing: "Public Enemy Number One" had a roommate.

What started in January as a simple project to repaint Capone's cell turned into a complete reworking of it and led to an entirely new exhibit.

The new Capone cell, now with an extra cot and less fancy decor, opened to



This Thursday, May 2, 2019 photo, shows a recreation of mobster Al Capone's 1929 cell at the Eastern State Penitentiary, which is now a museum in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

the public Thursday.

Workers prepping for the paint job found dozens of layers of highly decorated paint on the walls of the cell, one depicting an apparent mural, another with

intricately painted faux wood grain, said Liz Trumbull, manager of historic preservation at Eastern State Penitentiary.

They decided to preserve the various paint examples

in Cell 1, and move the Capone exhibit next door to Cell 3. It was never certain that Capone was housed in Cell 1 to begin with, said Sean Kelley, director of interpretation at the mu-

seum; he could have been in any of the four cells that held high-profile prisoners, a stretch dubbed "Park Avenue."

"As we began to research what the cell looked like at the time, we began to question if his treatment was as luxurious as portrayed," Kelley said.

They discovered that the day after the Public Ledger reporter wrote about Capone's fancy digs, a journalist from a competing paper found that the mobster's abode was not the lap of luxury.

"Capone's cell, which he shares with an embezzler known as 'Bill' Coleman, prison statistician, doesn't look like the cozy den of a king of leisure," reads the Philadelphia Record account from Aug. 21, 1929. It goes on to describe a small table with a vase of gladiolas, a prison-made rag rug on the floor, a dresser and two cots at the rear of the cell. □

Nigerian singer Tiwa Savage 'humbled' over global music deal

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian singer-songwriter Tiwa Savage says there's a "revolution going on" in African music and she is "very humbled and excited" to take her music to a worldwide audience.

"It's a beautiful journey, it's history in the making," Savage said Thursday of her newly announced recording deal.

Savage is one of the world's leading Afrobeats artists and the first African artist to sign a global deal with Universal Music Group. It seems, however, she forgot to tell the most important person in her life.

"My mom was, 'Tiwa! Why didn't you tell me all along?' I'm like, 'Mom, I know you can't keep a secret.' But she's excited. We have a family group chat and she was just like, 'Tiwa has crashed the internet again today!' And she put a smiley face. So she's super, super proud of me."

The Afrobeats scene is vibrant, she told The Associated Press. Even though



In this photo taken on Thursday, May 2, 2019, Nigerian singer-songwriter Tiwa Savage, poses for a photo, after an interview with The Associated Press in Lagos, Nigeria.

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international audiences may not understand some of the language "they can feel the soul in the music" and the themes of her songs are universal. "I think a lot of people know me for love, for love stories. Good

or bad."

In November, the 39-year-old became the first woman to win the MTV Europe Music Award for Best African act, which she said was "incredible" and "wasn't just a win for me. It was a win

for the African woman."

Tiwa, or Tiwatope, was born in Lagos but spent part of her childhood in London with her mother, where she experienced many of her early musical influences.

"I started listening to a lot

of gospel music. And then I really got into jazz like Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis, and then I got into soul R & B and I really, really got into Brandi's voice," she said. "She's like my all-time favorite vocalist. Yeah. That was really, really what got me into singing."

She now takes daily inspiration from her peers both at home and overseas. "Obviously I'm inspired by the Rihanna and Beyonce brand but more so like Wizkid, Davido and Don Jazzy, D'banj, 2face, even from South Africa like Cassper and AKA." In December, Savage was chosen by Coldplay's Chris Martin to perform at Global Citizen Festival in Johannesburg. There she met Jay-Z, who she said was "incredible."

"You know he's the type of person that walks into a room and everyone's like, 'Oh my God. It's Jay-Z.' And he has a lot of knowledge and he's not afraid to pass that on, you know, to every artist that he comes across." □

Years in the making, film about jazz pioneer Bolden to open

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — More than two decades after the seed was planted in Dan Pritzker's mind to make a movie about jazz cornetist Charles "Buddy" Bolden, the world is finally getting to see the story he's been trying to tell. The writer-director's film "Bolden" reimagines the life and music of the musician, of whom little is known. Many consider him the father of what we now know

as jazz. The movie stars Gary Carr ("Downton Abbey") as Bolden, who was born in 1877 and died in Louisiana's state asylum in 1931. It also features the musical talents of New Orleans native and jazz master Wynton Marsalis, who wrote, arranged and performed music for the movie and is named executive producer on the project. "This is a poetic, tragic story



This image released by Abramorama shows Gary Carr portraying jazz pioneer Charles "Buddy" Bolden in a scene from "Bolden," in theaters on Friday.

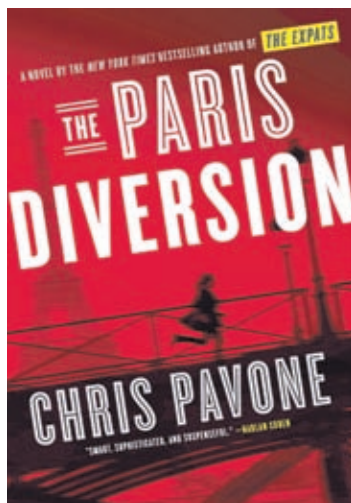
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about a guy who changed everything about American music. Let's be clear, though, it's not a biopic. It's more of an allegory about the soul of America in my view," Pritzker said in an interview with The Associated Press. Pritzker, a guitarist and

songwriter for the Chicago band Sonia Dada, said there's little historical information about Bolden. "There are no known recordings of him. None of his music exists and it's left to people's imagination of what he might have done. And there's just one photo

of him. Up until Donald Marquis' book, 'In Search of Buddy Bolden,' people questioned whether he was even real," Pritzker said. He hadn't heard of Bolden until a show promoter in 1997 mentioned him offhandedly as "having invented jazz." □

Chris Pavone's book centers on a single day in Paris



This cover image released by Crown shows "The Paris Diversion," by Chris Pavone.

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By **JEFF AYERS**

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"The Paris Diversion" by Chris Pavone (Crown) The narrative in Chris Pavone's "The Paris Diversion" jumps back and forth between several characters in the course of a single

day in Paris. Each person in the spotlight shares a different part of the terror that has engulfed the city of love. In addition to several suspicious packages left around the city, a man has walked to a major tourist attraction and after setting down a briefcase unbuttons his windbreaker to reveal a suicide vest. A man named Hunter deals in the world of finance, and he contemplates leaving his wife for a woman he considers his vision of perfection, his assistant. Security arrives to keep the two of them protected, but on a day where he is about to make a huge deal, the phones and Wi-Fi are down due to the threat. For Kate Moore and her husband, Dexter, the events transpiring will keep them apart for different reasons. Dexter thought

the day would end well as some risky money investments were set to pay off in a big way. He had not told Kate that they were in deep financial straits, but this transaction will turn things around. Kate's real job is completely unknown to Dexter, and she soon discovers that everything ties into her family. Acts of terror can destroy lives, but secrets are just as deadly. Pavone delivers a sequel to his first novel, "The Expats," and fans of that book will enjoy seeing the return of Kate and Dexter, though it's too bad that their relationship has not been a happy one. Those unfamiliar with that novel will still find a fast-paced and heartfelt thriller set in the world of espionage and terrorism that echoes the best of John le Carre. □

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Celebs try to out-camp each other at wild Met Gala

By LEANNE ITALIE

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NEW YORK (AP) — Cardi B swept by in a stunning red quilted dress accentuated with a matching sequin headpiece, feathers and a train that took up much of the pink carpet, Jared Leto was accompanied by his own (fake) head and Katy Perry came as a candled chandelier at the crazy, campy Met Gala on Monday night.

Lady Gaga used the carpet as a runway and a changing station — earning giggles and claps from Anna Wintour — and Tiffany Haddish brought fried chicken in a plastic bag as many of the A-list guests worked the camp theme to the max. That included Zendaya, whose Cinderella Tommy Hilfiger dress went aglow with the wave of a magic wand. She dropped one of her see-through slippers on the way up the long staircase at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the cocktail hour.

Also princessy, of the saucy variety: Nicki Minaj in a short pink Prabal Gurung dress with yards and yards to her train, the last star to walk the carpet.

Perry, whose look was created by Jeremy Scott for Moschino, said she wanted to be "of the light," though she appeared concerned her heavy looking headpiece would topple as she smiled and walked precariously up the stairs, designer Diane von Furstenberg briefly in her orbit as Lady Liberty.

Perry, Bella Hadid dished, "had to be trucked here in a UPS truck." (She changed from chandelier to a fully loaded Moschino burger for dinner).

Emily Ratajkowski channeled Cher in a barely there silver dress by Dundas and wing-like headpiece with feathers and hanging crystal strands by the House of Malakai. Tom Ford dressed Gemma Chan, who wore a custom head-dress inspired by Elizabeth Taylor, and Versace created a jaw-dropping sparkler for Jennifer Lopez. She wore a 129.48-carat purple



Cardi B attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating the opening of the "Camp: Notes on Fashion" exhibition on Monday, May 6, 2019, in New York.

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and diamond sapphire by Harry Winston around her neck.

Lupita Nyong'o spent four hours getting ready in a rainbow, cool chick getup, her hair high and packed with golden Afro picks. Leto wore a red caftan with jewel loops, cradling his long-haired macabre version of himself, and Tracee Ellis Ross posed inside a gold picture frame attached to the front of her black dress. She noted it's detachable for the dinner hour, thank goodness.

Regina King, in a copper sequin Oscar de la Renta gown with a large shoulder embellishment, said she wasn't ready to go full camp, so she stuck to high lacquered hair.

"So, glamour is camp," the Oscar-winner said. "Maybe next year the comfort level will have expanded."

The 71st annual gala hit a high point early with Lady Gaga working the pink carpet to its fullest in long golden eyelashes and a huge fuchsia dress, peeling off layer after layer until she was down to a bra, panties and fishnet stockings.

Billy Porter went Egyptian-esque sun god in gold wings and a chain head piece by the design duo the Blonds, carried onto the carpet by

shirtless men in gold pants as he lay on top of a black throne.

"Camp is the art of being extra and I've always been extra," he laughed. "I'm from the theater so it's easy for me."

Brandon Maxwell, who created Gaga's reveal, helped her navigate the stairs as she posed with several helpers. Maxwell undressed her further, revealing a black strapless asymmetrical ballgown underneath with a huge side bustle. Then she undressed again to show off a pink dress reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," walking up and down the carpet.

But she wasn't done. Moments later, she was down to a glittering bra and panties set, with huge platform shoes.

Gaga is a hard act to follow but Serena Williams, one of her co-hosts, did her best in a neon yellow flowing custom Versace gown adorned with leaves, Nike sneakers on her feet. She was one of several athletes to attend, including Cam Newton, Dwyane Wade with wife Gabrielle Union, and Tom Brady with Gisele Bündchen on his arm.

Colin Kaepernick also made an appearance

wearing Pyer Moss.

This year's gala theme, "Camp: Notes on Fashion," was inspired by a seminal 1964 essay by Susan Sontag in which she describes the phenomenon as something that shan't be talked about: "To talk about Camp is therefore to betray it."

The theme is chosen for the Costume Institute's spring exhibition and gala guests are encouraged to take it on.

Karlie Kloss wore a custom gold Dapper Dan-Gucci cocktail dress; singer Anderson .Paak, wearing Gucci, was fanboyed on the carpet by Ferragamo-dressed Taron Egerton, who was asked what his upcoming film character, Elton John, would think of the night's vibe: "He kind of invented it, right?"

Haddish, in a black-and-silver tiger stripe "Pimperella" Michael Kors pantsuit with wide bells at the ankles, a glitzy hat on her head, said she vowed not to go snackless this year, hence the fried chicken.

"I bring my own snacks because last year I was starving and I learned my lesson," she said. Of the theme, she declared: "Camping means no panties!" She noted that during her broke days, "I used to

buy knock-off Michael Kors everything. Now here I am several years later wearing Michael Kors, for me, designed for me."

Harry Styles offered a tad of see-through via his custom Gucci organza shirt with black lace, donning a single bee earring and heeled booties.

Kacey Musgraves, in custom Moschino, was a proper pink Barbie with long platinum hair, while Gigi Hadid walked with the designer of her look, Kors, offering a silver cat woman style in a swirl-pattern jumpsuit, long coat and helmet-like hat, with long spiked white eyelashes.

Awkwafina breezed through in trophy gold, accompanied by designer Joseph Altuzarra, while others in garish greens, animal prints and metallics soaked up the theme. Some played it safe in more traditional carpet looks, like Hailey Bieber in a lovely, tight pink dress with a daring — but not terribly campy — low back.

Also not particularly camp, and not particularly high-fashion, for that matter: Gwyneth Paltrow in a loose ruffle-neck pale yellow gown by Chloe.

Naomi Campbell wore pink with a long, feathered cape, lace leggings and low barely-there neckline. And Joan Collins, perhaps the queen of camp, posed with her in a white puffy gown reminiscent of Scarlet O'Hara.

Kim Kardashian West was dewy in tight, tight, tight couture Thierry Mugler, husband Kanye West stone-faced silent at her side in a Dickey's zip jacket. Sister Kylie Jenner went for purple from her loose dyed hair to her big feather-muff sleeves, giving partner Travis Scott a peck on the lips as she walked.

Janelle Monae, always evocative on the carpet, balanced multiple hats piled high on her head wearing a pink and black gown with a black-and-white eye covering her breast on one side, courtesy of designer Christian Siriano. □

Real spies, not James Bond, take spotlight at new spy museum

By DEB RIECHMANN

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

James Bond's shiny silver sports car — with its JB007 rotating license plate — is the first thing visitors see when they step into the new and improved International Spy Museum that opens Sunday in Washington. After that, it's as if the history of Hollywood's famous private eye vanishes in invisible ink, while the stories of real-life spies and modern-day espionage take center stage.

The old, cramped museum focused on human collection of intelligence. The new one also offers a window into covert operations, counterterrorism, intelligence analysis, cyber espionage, intelligence failures and even highly debated legal and ethical issues, such as waterboarding.

"We're not playing it safe as a museum," Vince Houghton, the museum's curator and historian, said during a sneak-peak tour of the \$162 million, nonprofit museum. "We don't get money from the government. We need to maintain our independence because there are a lot of stories we need to tell."

Real intelligence officers tend to be tight-lipped, but at the museum, visitors can watch videos starring current or former intelligence officers talking about their jobs.

The top psychologist at the CIA talks about how trust and fear affect relationships between intelligence



The new International Spy Museum is seen, Tuesday April 30, 2019, in Washington.

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assets and their handlers. A former deputy CIA director discusses how spooks assessed the intelligence that led to the raid of a compound where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011 in Pakistan. Real female spies dispel the myth that women rely on sex appeal to gather intelligence.

There's an exhibit featuring Morten Storm, a Danish man turned Islamic radical. He later became disenchanted with Islam and went to work for Danish intelligence as a double agent, providing information about wanted terror suspects. His life in the shadows became public in 2012.

"We went to the undisclosed location where he's hiding from al-Qaida and

recorded him actually telling his own story surrounded by artifacts from his own life," Houghton said.

There are stories of deception and tragedy, intelligence coups and surprises, too.

Everybody knows that 007 was "Bond. James Bond." Fewer people know that America's first spymaster was President George Washington, a.k.a. Agent 711.

Both sides spied during the Revolutionary War during the 1770s, but at the end, the head of British intelligence operations Maj. George Beckwith stated: "Washington did not beat us militarily, he simply outspied us."

Washington helped coordinate intelligence operations during the war and the museum has a letter he wrote creating the first U.S. intelligence agency.

"It's the Magna Carta for American intelligence," Houghton said of his favorite artifact. "It's the founding document and we have it. It's as cool as it gets."

The old museum, which closed in 2018, had about 3,000 artifacts and could display about 600 of them at a time. The new spy museum has 10,000 artifacts, including more than 5,000 items donated by H. Keith Melton, a Florida businessman who spent years criss-

crossing the globe to find and buy them. The roughly 1,000 spycraft artifacts that can be seen when the new museum opens include:

The ice-climbing ax used in the bloody assassination of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky. A chunk of Gary Powers' U2 spy plane shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960. The handcuffs used to arrest John Anthony Walker Jr., a former Navy chief warrant officer convicted of spying for the Soviet Union from 1968 to 1985. A large piece of a tunnel that penetrated East Germany so that the U.S. and allies could tap Soviet and East German communications. Code-breaking equipment. Hidden cameras. A pregnant woman disguise. The Amber drone, a remotely piloted surveil-

lance aircraft designed by an Israeli that is a forerunner to today's Predator, which executes airstrikes in Afghanistan and other hot-spots around the globe.

Not everything is real. Upon entry, visitors can opt to get a cover identity and mission along with a badge with radio-frequency technology that will recognize them as they walk up to interactive exhibits throughout the museum.

Their spy skills are tested throughout the tour and at the end they can find out if they're better suited to be an intelligence officer in the field, for example, or an analyst at CIA headquarters.

Visitors can create a disguise or climb inside a replica of a "stress position" interrogation box that's too narrow to sit down in and too low to stand up in. They can walk into an exhibit that recreates life under the secret police in East Germany before the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Without warning, a stern-looking Stasi police officer and police dog — actually a video behind glass — appear to be approaching to ask for papers.

"If you were interrogated harshly by the Stasi, chances are you would sweat," perhaps on the cushion of the chair while being questioned, Houghton said. "They'd cut out a piece of the cushion and they'd have your scent. They put it in a scent jar and if they needed to track you down, the dogs would be able to go and find you." □



An exhibit on torture includes a section on waterboarding in the new International Spy Museum, Tuesday April 30, 2019, in Washington.

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A car used in a James Bond movie adorns the lobby of the new International Spy Museum, Tuesday April 30, 2019, in Washington.

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